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'Til the Echoes Ring Again

Socially distant and spread
around the world, the BC
community stands as one.



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All Is Quiet

This photo of the eerily vacant BC quad was taken on Monday, March 23, the same day Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker ordered the state's nonessential businesses to cease in-person operations in response to the novel coronavirus. To learn more about how the pandemic affected campus life and to read reflections on this extraordinary moment in time from faculty, students, and staff, turn to page 24.

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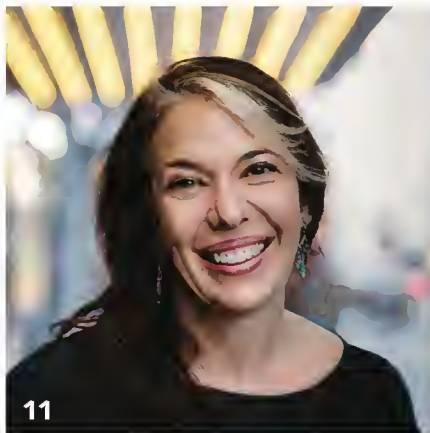
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By mid-March, a campus buzzing with excitement had gone eerily still. To document this extraordinary moment in BC history, we commissioned a series of personal reflections and photos from across the University.

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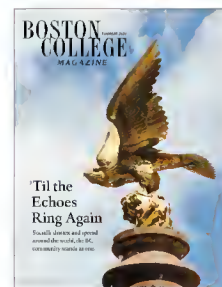


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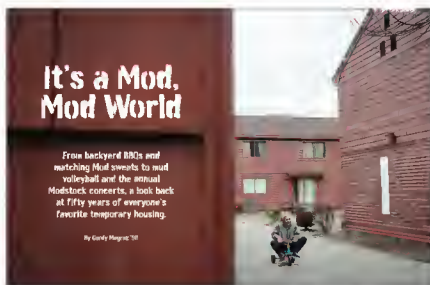
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Conversation // Our readers share their thoughts



It's a Mod, Mod World

Thank you for the nostalgic trip down Mod lane. Although I was never a Mod resident, I was a freshman in 1970 when they were installed and can attest to the equivalency of Las Vegas' motto, "What happens in the Mods stays in the Mods"—all of which made us who we are.

Unmentioned in the article was the fact that within the first year, the roofs leaked so much that they all had to be re-roofed—not just shingles, but a whole other roof structure over the original roof—and that's how they stand to this day.

*Dan Sullivan '74, P'09
Hull, Massachusetts*

I enjoyed the article on the Mods. Here's a footnote: The story goes that a guy who wanted to save money to head west after graduation decided to live in a van his senior year. He approached Peter Cronan and friends and asked if he could bury a power cord from the parking lot into their Mod. (Their Mod was facing the lot behind the recently constructed Rec Plex.) It worked wonderfully, and after graduation, he and the van were off to California. Thanks, Peter.

By the way, the Mods were manufactured by a company called Arbor Homes, for which my dad was a salesman. While he did not sell to Boston College, he did sell one to my grandmother at about the same time (approximately \$14,000 for a two-bedroom). The "camp" was placed over the water in Old Forge, New York, in the beautiful Adirondack

Mountains. I sit there today as I write to you. Ah, the circle of life.

*Marty Droz CSOM'76
Las Vegas, Nevada*

Just finished reading the article on the Mods, and forwarding the Cadillac photo to BC roommates (a few managed to squeeze into the photo, at right). Great memories. Here's one to add: Most '89ers will remember the guy who lived under the stairs in 41B. "Gross" needed housing and we took him in. He made the space under the staircase his home from September to May. *Good Housekeeping* would have been impressed. (Recently received this text from our daughter, class of '21: "WE'RE IN THE MODS!" Happy for her but we hope she doesn't have anyone living under the stairs!)

Forgot to mention "suitcase parties." Everyone paid \$50 for admission and at the end of the party (3 a.m.), there was a raffle for a weekend getaway to an island somewhere. Limo picked up the winners and took them directly to the airport. (That's why you had to bring your suitcase.)

*John and Judy Nemsick '89, P'19, '21
Rye, New York*

This past fall, the boys of Mod 9A attempted to re-create the classic Cadillac photo from 1989. Here is their rendition. The car is a 1955 Triumph, which we had just purchased and driven down from Montreal in time for Parents Weekend 2019. All the best to the Class of 2020.

*Terri Lyon P'20, '23
Redwood City, California*

I signed up for the Mods for junior year, but arrived and was told that they were not ready. We would be commuting via bus from a Dedham motel. This arrangement dragged on with no progress on the Mod opening. Things started to happen at the motel: Somebody stole the vacuum cleaner from the housecleaning department, and

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then the pay phone got ripped off the wall. Folks were getting rowdy.

Eventually the Mods were ready and Tony Argulewicz '72, Ron Shields '72, Gene McLaughlin '72, and I entered Mod 7A, walking up a plank through the front door, as the grounds were all mud and

debris. We lived there for the rest of our junior year, as work went on and more and more Mods filled with students. We always had pride in being the first folks in. We soon picked up two seniors: Jim Macho '71, P'09, and his buddy, Carmen Corsari. Lots of memories. Our daughter, Casey

'06, spent her senior year in the Mods. She loved it, too.

If there's ever a plan to knock down the Mods, perhaps a half-dozen should be saved and, each year, thirty-six seniors selected to live their final year there—sort of an honor-type recognition, à la the University of Virginia campus where some of the original student dorms still live in quite old and distinguished space.

Dr. Phil Bayer '72, P'06

Carmel, New York

Picture this: November 20, 1993. BC football is on the road in South Bend. It's my freshman year and my dormmates and I are gathered around a little 13-inch TV watching our first BC vs. ND football game. The game is down to the wire, and our kicker, David Gordon, is poised. He kicks, he scores! BC defeats number-one-ranked Notre Dame, 41-39. I could hear the campus erupt in cheers. We were in shock and ecstasy. My friends and I grab our coats and hightail it to Alumni Stadium where swarms of people are celebrating our victory. A few adventurous souls climb one of the goalposts and it falls. Pandemonium ensues and that goalpost makes its way to its final resting place... David Gordon's Mod. Quite the welcome-home gift for our game hero! I wish I had a picture to share because that was an event that won't be forgotten by the many who witnessed it. #ModMemories

Tara McCarthy Squier '97

Avon, Connecticut

Enjoyed "It's a Mod, Mod World"—you could probably dedicate an entire issue to this topic! One of my favorite memories of the Mods was in the fall of 1978. A Mod of guys returned to BC in September with a full-size above-ground pool complete with mechanical filtration system. The first two weeks of September were especially hot that year and the pool parties every afternoon and evening became



The original 1989 Cadillac photo, top, and the recent re-creation, bottom, featuring Nathan Lyon '20, Zach Somers '20, Woody Hubbell '21, Peter DaGiau '20, Cam Miller '20, Sean McFadden '20, and friends.

increasingly raucous. BC Housing stepped in to tell the Mod they were in violation of the housing code. As I recall, one of the seniors got out of the pool and went inside to retrieve a marked-up copy of the BC Mod Housing Code prepared by his father, a NYC lawyer. The “brief” stated there was nothing illegal or improper with having an above-ground pool in the backyard of a Mod per the code. The parties continued for a few more days until one afternoon when the pool split a seam, flooding the backyards of the adjacent Mods. By this time the weather was cooling off and classes were getting more intense so it was a win-win for the Mods and BC Housing. The next year when I was a senior, the BC Mod Housing Code had an addendum stating no above-ground or in-ground pools were allowed.

*Peter J. Byrne '80
Birmingham, Michigan*

Mods, shmods. South Street—that short one-way between Chestnut Hill Ave. and Comm. Ave. in Brighton—that’s where it was happening (Radnor, Pine, The Big Brown House).

Partial lyrics to “South Street,” by The Orlons:

*Where do all the hippies meet?
South Street, South Street.
Where the dancin’ is elite.
South Street, South Street.*

Old hippies don’t die, they just fade.

*Don Zabel '76
Willow, New York*

Gordy Megroz’s piece “It’s a Mod, Mod World” brings me back to my student days at Boston College. I learned about the Mods scene very shortly after I started my studies at BC in 1976. During my first two years, I lived on the Newton Campus. After a dismal first semester of dealing with erratic shuttle bus service to the main campus, I acquired my first ten-speed bicycle. And hence I began to attend the parties at the Mods without worrying about the last bus to Newton. I knew several seniors at the Mods—Megroz is right in that only a senior group could have the ludicrously high point count in the housing lottery to secure a

Mod—who gave some big parties. A party at the Mods was like none other. Instead of a packed living room in the “Ressies” (Reservoir Apartments/Edmund’s Hall) or “Hillsides,” there was a Mod patio. It did not matter that a Mod apartment was cramped, had thin walls, and could be prone to leakage: In those pre-iPhone days, there was always joviality coupled with head-to-head conversations; one never got bored at a Mod party.

Megroz’s delightful article is a reassuring reminder that, in this age where too many young people are hunched over their phones and tablets, there are social aspects of Boston College that have not changed through the years. The community of seniors who live in the Mods is still a special group. These seniors still occupy the pinnacle of the housing pecking order. And the Mod parties continue. How ironic that a Mod party could be an occasion where attendees not only enjoy a beer or two, but see each other face to face! It will be a long time before the Mods are gone. If they should be gone, gone will be the Boston College I knew over forty years ago.

*Thomas H. Alton '80
Philadelphia*

Why Is This Man Smiling?

Thanks for your profile of Gary Gulman in the Spring 2020 issue. I became a fan long before I knew he was a BC product. My wife and I have seen him perform live in Denver each of the last two years, and we plan to be there when he comes back this fall. Gary checks all the boxes for great comics—intelligence, creativity, timing—but what puts him among comedy’s true elite is that his humor doesn’t lose its impact on repetition. I can watch, and have watched, his specials many times, and even when I know what’s coming, I can’t help but laugh at Gary’s unique world view and his impeccable delivery.

It’s hard to imagine a man who is so adept at making people laugh suffering from crippling depression, but his story is a vivid reminder that depression can affect anyone. Only a comic of his stature could build a standup routine about such a serious topic, and he deserves praise for using his considerable talents to raise

awareness of a frequently misunderstood medical condition.

*Tim Cox '85
Evergreen, Colorado*

Research: The Psychological Cost of Luxury

Boston College is a Jesuit school. What Jesuit principle is exemplified by the study highlighted in “The Psychological Cost of Luxury,” or by helping salespeople to persuade the affluent to spend more freely on themselves? Is a Lexus glorifying God? If the wealthy sometimes feel “inauthentic” because of their lavish lifestyle, should we help salespeople enhance a sense of “deservedness”? Or should we instead encourage them to *be* more deserving, as Jesus did when he counseled a rich young man to sell all that he had, or when he said that whatever you did to the least of these you did to Me? As Thomas More might have said in *A Man for All Seasons*, “It profits a man nothing to give his soul for the whole world... but for a five-figure purchase?”

*Richard Barbieri '66
Milton, Mass.*



Noonball: A Love Story

Your article on Noonball came as a pleasant surprise. After graduating from BC in 1971, I worked at the University from 1974 to 1979, and having played my last game there more than forty years ago, I’d always assumed the lunchtime brawl was a sort of lost civilization. With the serious upgrade in ringers like Ray Allen, though, it would take a lot more than better sneakers for me to keep up with the level of play today. Every corner of the University has indeed reached new Heights.

*Coleman J. Sullivan '71
and BC staff 1974–79
Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina*

Editor's Letter

We find ourselves in a time of indescribable strangeness and sorrow. The novel coronavirus has upended every aspect of life in every corner of society, and that, of course, includes Boston College.

As I write, an extraordinary school year is coming to a close. Yet there are no excited voices bouncing through the Heights. There are no seniors in caps and gowns, no speeches being polished, no parents checking into hotels. The campus went silent in the middle of March, when most students were sent home, nearly all residence halls were closed, and classes were moved online. Spring sports were canceled mid-season. Commencement was postponed. Summer internships were scuttled.

To document this remarkable moment in BC history, we commissioned a series of personal essays from across the University, asking students, parents, faculty, and administrators to reflect on how the pandemic has affected them and the broader BC community. You'll find their essays—along with a collection of stories and photographs documenting a campus gone still—in our cover package, which begins on page 24.

Our work on this issue has given me the opportunity to speak with a great many people whose lives and plans have been disrupted by the pandemic. I have learned of their heartbreak, worry, and confusion. But as a relative newcomer to BC, I was struck by something else in these conversations. To a person, the members of the Boston College community that I talked to saw their own struggles as secondary to the anguish that so many of our neighbors have experienced these past couple of months. I encountered not entitled anger and frustration but almost gentle embarrassment at being asked about their own inconveniences at a time when so much of the world is suffering.

As an institution, BC has invested a great deal in the idea of educating the whole person, of helping to form men and women for others. It's one thing to aspire to this ideal. It is quite another to encounter people who are living the spirit of the words. The pandemic has scattered the Boston College family across the world. Yet as I hope you will agree after reading our package, the heart and soul of the community remains intact. We may be socially distant for now, but it is only a matter of time 'til the echoes ring again.

—John Wolfson

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Meet the Schiller Institute's New Boss

The noted engineering scholar Laura J. Steinberg will lead BC's new institute for integrated science.

By Courtney Hollands

In May, the renowned civil and environmental engineering scholar Laura J. Steinberg became the inaugural Seidner Family Executive Director of the Schiller Institute for Integrated Science and Society, Boston College's new multidisciplinary center of science and research focused on energy, health, and the environment. Steinberg comes to BC from Syracuse University, where she held multiple leadership positions and advanced the school's research mission. The Schiller Institute is the centerpiece of the 150,000-square-foot integrated science and engineering facility that's slated to open in late 2021 and will usher in a new era of interdisciplinary collaboration and research. "I love the fact that woven into the fabric of Boston College is a mission for public good, for common good. That is front and center for the University, and that's exactly what the Schiller Institute is about," said Steinberg, whose roles at Syracuse included interim executive director of the Center of Excellence in Environmental Energy Systems; director of the university's Infrastructure Institute; dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science; and special assistant for strategy to the vice chancellor for innovation and strategic initiatives.

Boston College Magazine recently talked with Steinberg about her plans for educating the next generation of science leaders.

What attracted you to Boston College and the Schiller Institute?

The issues that the Schiller Institute is devoted to—energy, environment, and health—are topics I've been interested in for a very long time. They are essential to the future of the earth and of ourselves for generations to come. I really believe in the power of different perspectives applied to problems—not just working across the sciences, but adding humanities and social sciences and the professional schools and gathering all of the ideas from these areas together. That's what I've done my whole life. Let's say you asked me, *Laura, what job would you want at a university?* The answer has always been, bring together interdisciplinary groups to solve big problems—and then this job came up.

The mission of the Schiller Institute is to use science and technology to search for solutions to society's most pressing challenges. Where will you start?

I want to hear from the faculty about what motivates them, what they're most concerned about, and what they want to work on. Climate change is one challenge. There are science and engineering questions and also societal ones, like how to meet the needs of climate change refugees. Equally important to address is how we can help alleviate poverty and inequity. Related, of course, are public health issues that threaten people around the globe. As a university dedicated to the common good, we have a responsibility to address these problems.

When did you first know you wanted to pursue a career in engineering?

I grew up in New York City and then moved to New Jersey. So, I saw a lot of how infrastructure made life possible. I was mystified about how these structures worked from a technological perspective and a science perspective, and I was also amazed at the lives they enabled. Only when I was a senior in high school did I understand that that translated into civil engineering.

What has been your research focus?

A lot of my work has been about how engineering connects to community, people, and government policy. If an infrastructure system fails, what are the repercussions that occur in neighborhoods and in networks of individuals and organizations? And how can we build resilience in communities so that doesn't happen?

What accomplishments are you most proud of?

We revamped and strengthened the College of Engineering and Computer Science at Syracuse University—we hired thirty-plus faculty members, many of them women. We really diversified the faculty. The pedagogical culture became much more student-oriented and active-learning-oriented. We added several entrepreneurial activities. Students now have a richer and more personalized experience. And we reinvigorated the research enterprise with new faculty and initiatives. The

other thing I'm proud of is that we got the Infrastructure Institute at Syracuse up and going. It's making the public and decision-makers more cognizant of how to build socially responsible infrastructure. I also care about the people I've helped—the faculty members that I hired and mentored, and helped with proposals and answered questions about how to be successful within the academic world. And the women that I mentor as part of the ELATES program at Drexel University and the engineering summer camp I created for middle school girls are super important to me.

Why is diversity in science important?

For a long time, the sciences have been, for one reason or another, heavily white and male. All different kinds of biases have come into play that have reduced the chances for people with more diverse backgrounds to participate fully. There has been conscious and unconscious bias in who gets hired and who doesn't get hired, and how a tenure package is reviewed. Bias affects the students' experiences, too. The Schiller Institute wants to be at the forefront of ensuring equal access to the rewards that a career in science can provide. That's one of our priorities. Not only in hiring and support for our students, but in the kind of environment that we create.

What tools do the next generation of science leaders need?

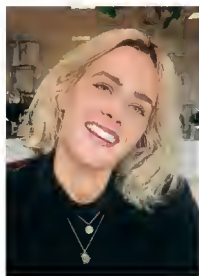
Students have to be able to think and act creatively, so we need to give them experiences and challenges that allow them to mine their own creativity. They also need literacy in the broad topics that science is going to be addressing, as well as literacies in technology and in how to explain these ideas to people who aren't scientists. I think we have to encourage an empathy that we haven't always thought was part of science and engineering education. And then we have to give them a sense of the responsibility to consider the consequences of what they work on—to look beyond the immediate question they're delving into or the design they're creating and consider how it will affect life going forward. ■

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Campus digest // Happenings from around Boston College

Boston College ranked 10th in Theology, Divinity, and Religious Studies in the 2020 QS World University Rankings, which are based on academic and employer reputation, and global research impact. Boston College was one of only two Catholic institutions among the top 10 schools in the prestigious international survey, along with the University of Notre Dame.

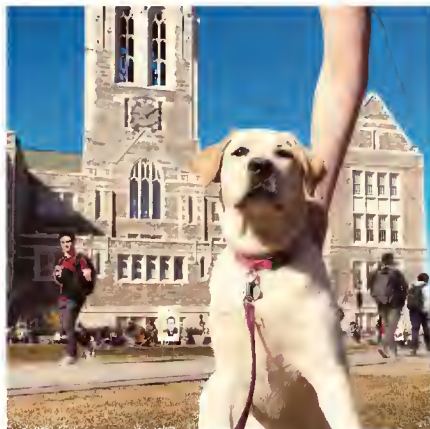
Morgan Healy '17 received a Gates Cambridge Scholarship, which will fund her postgraduate work at the University of Cambridge. Healy, who will pursue a Ph.D. in education, is one of twenty-eight American students to be awarded the prestigious scholarship so far this year. "Globally, over 40 percent of children in developing countries do not reach their full developmental potential, due in a large part to parents' inability to



receive the support and quality care to which they are entitled," she said. "I hope that the play-based parenting intervention I design for my dissertation will serve as one of many

tools to bring attention to this issue." The Gates Cambridge Scholarship program was established twenty years ago by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to build a global network of future leaders committed to improving the lives of others.

Séamus Connolly, the former director of Irish music programs at Boston College, was presented with a lifetime achievement award at the Gradam Ceoil TG4 ceremony in Belfast in February. Connolly, a ten-time All-Ireland champion fiddler, is considered one of the most influential traditional Irish musicians of his time.



Tim Carmichael '78 has about five dozen Instagram followers. But his yellow Lab Molly? She's attracted nearly 4,000 fans with the account @MollyOnTheQuad, which Bridgette Eagen '22 started after a chance encounter. In November 2019, Eagen glimpsed eight-week-old Molly running around campus. She snapped a picture of the puppy's signature smirk in front of Gasson Hall and posted it on her personal page. It was Instagram gold. So, with Carmichael's blessing, Eagen launched the account for Molly, regularly posting pictures of the dog. For Carmichael, who lives in Chestnut Hill, it's been a great way to connect with students. The reason behind his pup's popularity is simple, he said. "Have you seen her? She's off the cute meter!"

The Boston College women's ice hockey team welcomed a new recruit in February: 15-year-old Natalia Donnelly of Norwood, Massachusetts. Donnelly is battling a brain tumor and joined the squad via Team IMPACT, a Boston-based nonprofit that connects kids suffering from chronic illnesses with athletes they admire. "We are welcoming Natalia to our team," Head Coach Katie Crowley said during the signing ceremony. "I know our team is really excited to have you."

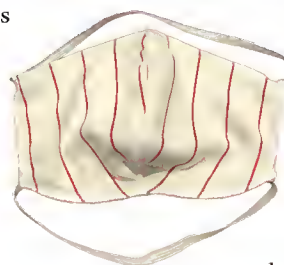
Lucas Levine '15 has been named a **Knight-Hennessy Scholar** at Stanford University, where he will pursue a master's degree in business administration at Stanford's Graduate School of Business this fall. "There's an obvious through-line from BC, grounded as it is in the liberal arts and a spirit of service, to a program like Knight-Hennessy," said Levine, an International Studies graduate from Lafayette, California. "I couldn't be more grateful for the academic and personal foundation that BC provided and confident that it prepared me for what lies ahead."

While at home in New Jersey, Isabel Litterst '21 created Foster a Family, an online service that matches families who are suffering during the COVID-19 pandemic with others who can help. The aid ranges from paying rent or bills to delivering groceries or just making a friendly phone call. "I think especially right now, because people are so socially distant, it's especially important that we make personal connections," Litterst told the *Boston Globe*. After launch, Litterst invited **Tiffany Brooks '21** to join the effort.

The Philadelphia company The Fanatics, under the

leadership of CEO Doug Mack '90,

switched from making jerseys for Major League Baseball to producing medical masks and gowns to donate to those on the frontlines of the COVID-19 outbreak.



Starting this fall, the Lynch School of Education and Human Development will offer an online Master of Education in Jesuit Education in a Global World. The program, the first of its kind in the U.S., will prepare educators to teach in the Ignatian tradition.

Center Stage

The award-winning playwright Melinda Lopez looks back on her year as the Monan Professor.

By Molly McDonough

When the academic year concluded in May, it marked the end of Melinda Lopez's term as the Rev. J. Donald Monan, SJ, Professor in Theatre Arts. As part of the professorship, the renowned playwright had spent the previous two semesters teaching courses and staging productions on campus, essentially turning the University into a stage for her unique vision.

Lopez, who is known for her nuanced investigations of character and identity, came to Boston College after writing a string of well-regarded plays performed around the country. A daughter of Cuban immigrants who grew up in Bedford, Massachusetts, Lopez first attracted national attention in the early 2000s with plays that put an underrepresented group center stage, one she described as "complex and flawed Latina women."

Lopez's works include *Sonia Flew*, in which a Cuban woman reflects on being sent to America as a child; *Becoming Cuba*, which takes place in Havana on the eve of the Spanish-American War; and *Mala*, a one-woman show inspired by Lopez's experience caring for her aging mother. "I didn't start writing plays because I knew that I had something important to say—I started writing because I was interested in discovering what I had to say," she said. "The process of investigation is the most interesting part." It's an ongoing process, one she's continued during artistic residencies in Boston, New York, and beyond, including serving as playwright-in-residence at the Huntington Theatre

Company from 2013 to 2019. Along the way, the social services agency La Alianza Hispana has named her a Woman of Courage, the radio station WBUR has called her "one of Boston's most important writers," and Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh '09 even designated October 29, 2016, as Melinda Lopez Day.

"Melinda has all the qualities we look for in a Monan Professor," said BC Theatre Department Chair Crystal Tiala. "Her work addresses tough human issues with creative nuances and empathy. She writes plays that resonate with your soul in a way that few playwrights can achieve. And most of all, she cares to her core about the education and well-being of our students."

Devyn Etula '22 agreed. "Quite honestly, she's Superwoman," said Etula, who took Contemporary American Theatre with Lopez last fall and acted in her play *Back the Night* at Robsham Theater Arts Center in January. "She's the epitome of an extraordinary artist, but she also makes every single person she comes into contact with feel valued and seen."



Melinda Lopez, photographed outside Boston's Paramount Center.

And that, Lopez made clear, is no accident. "I take it personally when my students don't thrive," she said. "I try to make connections with people where they are, knowing that they all spring from different places of origin and inspiration."

Lopez, who is also an actress, is the latest in a line of acclaimed theater professionals who have served as the Monan Professor. The professorship was established in 2007 with a gift honoring the late J. Donald Monan, SJ, the former University chancellor and president; the position also commemorates the late trustee Paul Robsham. Past recipients have included producer Nick Scandalios '87; playwright Tina Packer; playwright, actor, and director Robbie McCauley; and composer and music director Mary-Mitchell Campbell.

Of course, Lopez's tenure included a teaching challenge unlike anything her predecessors had faced. When the BC campus closed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Lopez had to bring her Playwriting I class online. Watching students read

scripts on a computer screen via Zoom was new for Lopez, who is fiercely committed to small classes and one-on-one attention. Yet, she and her students found the experience to be an antidote to isolation. Indeed, Brian Ward '21, a student in the course, remembered Lopez discussing "how art can be a solace during dark times." Lopez's guidance helped him find his voice. "She led me from having never written anything even vaguely resembling a script to considering Playwriting one of my favorite courses at BC," he said.

Regardless of the platform, Lopez encourages all students to embrace the best versions of their playwriting selves. "In my work as an artist, I have a very strong philosophy," she said: "You should always leave the room better than you found it." Whether that's a packed auditorium or a Zoom conference call. ■

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Funny Business

The improv troupe *My Mother's Fleabag* has kept BC laughing for four decades.

By Jacqueline Tempera

The Boston College improvisational comedy group *My Mother's Fleabag* has helped to launch the careers of several successful entertainers, among them the riotous Renaissance woman Amy Poehler '93, comedian Cameron Esposito '04, and character actor Wayne Wilderson '89. But creating future stars was about the last thing Barry Armata '81 had in mind four decades ago when he founded the troupe.

"The school was looking for ideas for new student programs and I loved *Saturday Night Live*," Armata recalled. "So, I thought, 'What if we replicated it here?'" From those humble beginnings, *My Mother's Fleabag* has become a BC institution, one that is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year.

Armata said the group's name is meant to evoke a "rundown fleabag motel on the Cape—the idea was that every room had a story." The troupe bills itself as "America's oldest (and most attractive) collegiate improv comedy group," but it's unclear whether either of these claims is accurate. Through the decades, Fleabag members have performed as everything from Pope

John Paul II's Angels to, well, cigarettes. Mary S. Timpany '83 recalled running around Chestnut Hill with a plastic shotgun, pretending to be Patty Hearst. "We were nuts," she said with a laugh.

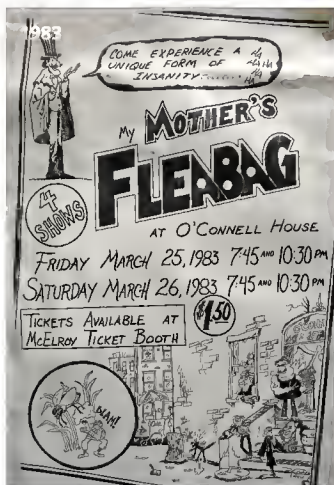
The troupe has produced a roster of well-known comedians through the years (see sidebar). "I had never done anything like improv before Fleabag," Poehler told *The Heights* in 1992. "I just saw the sign taped to the ground and decided to show up for an audition." Happily, she made the cut. Most of those who try out for the twelve-member troupe do not. In the early days, Armata recalled, "If you had energy and were willing to do just about anything—put on a goofy costume and make a fool of yourself—we took you." The audition process has evolved significantly since then.

Today, dozens of underclassmen audition for the one or two spots that open up each year. Eager freshmen and sophomores wait for their turn to impress the Fleabag cast. The audition is less about how funny you are than how quickly you can think on your feet. "We try to catch

people by surprise," said Anna Livaccari '20, one of the group's directors during the past school year. The cast will throw absurd scenarios at candidates just to gauge their reactions, Livaccari explained. "When they walk in the room," she said, "immediately we all start saying, 'Wait a second—I recognize your name from that insane movie you produced!'" How the scene continues from there is up to the person auditioning. Another classic question for candidates: What's funnier, brick or tweed? (Brick is the obvious answer, said former member Mathieu Gagne '93, MBA '02, MSF '02, "because it's not funny when you hit someone in the face with tweed.")

To be selected for the troupe, candidates must receive the unanimous support of the cast. "You're going to end up being extremely close to these people for the rest of your life," Livaccari said. "We have to get it right." Once the members reach consensus, they take off across campus to notify their new members, no matter the hour. "We knock on their doors," Livaccari said, "and one of us will stand there and say, 'We really liked you but you didn't get it.' Then the rest of the group pops out with congratulations and hugs. It's the first night, so we like to set the bar high."

It's the kind of ritual that builds a sense of connection, of belonging. And it was that feeling as much as anything, Cameron Esposito said, that made the experience special. Esposito, who is queer, said that prior to joining the group she struggled to



STAR TURNS Notable Fleabaggers through the years



**Maile
Flanagan '87**

KNOWN FOR:
Playing Connie
on *Shameless* and
voice-acting work.



**Nancy
Walls-Carell '88**

KNOWN FOR:
Roles on *The Daily
Show* and *Saturday
Night Live*, and
playing Carol Stills
on *The Office*.



**Wayne
Wilderson '89**

KNOWN FOR:
Roles on *Seinfeld*
and *Veep*, and
portraying the Fruit
of the Loom grape.



**Amy
Poehler '93**

KNOWN FOR:
Starring on *Saturday
Night Live* and
playing Leslie
Knope on *Parks
and Recreation*.



**Cameron
Esposito '04**

KNOWN FOR:
Standup comedy
and her podcast
Queery.



**Lou
Wilson '14**

KNOWN FOR:
Roles in *American
Vandal* and *The
Guest Book*.

feel comfortable on campus. “Part of the reason Fleabag was so important to me was that I really did not have other support systems while I was at BC,” she said. “I feel a debt of gratitude for being part of this community and to have learned about live performance, humor, and the coping mechanism that is being funny and using that for a greater good.”

Of course, not everyone who joins My Mother’s Fleabag winds up pursuing comedy. Many veterans of the troupe go on to careers in law, business, education, and just about everything else. Whatever they do for a living, former Fleabaggers say that the time they spent in the group proved influential. “Improv is the fabric of every-

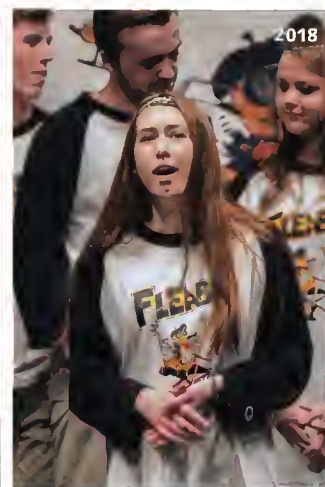
thing I do,” said Gagne, who today is the CFO of a software company. “Your job in improv is to make everyone else look good. It’s an unselfish, giving art form.”

Those sentiments were echoed by Armata, the group’s founder, who today is a judge in Connecticut. Back when he was working as a divorce lawyer and his office was looking for effective professional development, Armata brought in an improv group. “They came in to show us how to be on the same page, make each other look good, and respond to each other in a calculated way,” he said.

My Mother’s Fleabag had planned to hold a special show in April to celebrate its 40th anniversary, but that was canceled as

part of BC’s response to the coronavirus pandemic. So, the cast did what they do best: they improvised. As campus was closing down in March, the senior members put together one last show, at the Mods. Armata, who calls himself the group’s proud absentee father, said he would like to return to campus for some kind of makeup anniversary performance—“as long as I don’t have to pay forty years of child support.” Then he got serious. “I’m so proud of what they’ve done, the careers they’ve launched, and the fun they are having,” he said. “I didn’t realize I started a fire that was going to keep burning.” ■

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Sports // Highlights from Boston College athletics



Coach Mac is ACC Coach of the Year

When Joanna Bernabei-McNamee took over as head coach of the women's basketball team in 2018, she inherited a program that had finished a disappointing 7-23 the previous season, including a dismal 2-14 in Atlantic Coast Conference play. But Bernabei-McNamee—known to one and all as Coach Mac—had a plan to turn things around. The team would work hard, keep a positive attitude, hold each other accountable, and show respect. “Anything besides this is unacceptable,” she told her players.

In her first year, the Eagles won fourteen games, though their 3-13 conference record left them 13th among the ACC's fifteen teams. And that's just where the team was expected to finish the 2019–20 season as well, according to a preseason poll. Instead, the Eagles finished the regular season with a 20-12 record, including an impressive 11-7 showing in ACC play that tied for fourth place in the conference.

The performance resulted in Coach Mac being named ACC Coach of the Year in March.

However, when the postseason was canceled due to the coronavirus, it denied the Eagles what was likely to have been their first appearance in the NCAA tournament since 2005—a painful outcome for seniors such as Emma Guy '20. “The postseason lifts, the summer workouts, and the pre-season practices are all so you can showcase your hard work at the Big Dance,” Guy said. “Having that moment finally come into reality only for it to be taken away was heartbreaking.” Knowing this pandemic is bigger than sports doesn't make it hurt any less, Bernabei-McNamee said. “We need to find a positive in this,” she added, “so we decided that BC could've won the women's basketball national championship this year.”

Not surprisingly, Coach Mac regards her ACC award as a reflection of her entire team's hard work. The Eagles will use their lost tournament shot as fuel next year, she said: “We'll never take the opportunity to play the game we love or the time we have together for granted again.” ■

—Jacqueline Tempera

HEADLINES

On March 17, the Atlantic Coast Conference canceled athletic activities through the end of the 2019–20 academic year in response to the novel coronavirus. Here are two notable achievements from before the shutdown:

Alpine ski team co-captain Parker Biele '21 became the first BC woman to qualify for the NCAA Skiing Championships. “It's been a goal I've been striving for from the second I got into BC,” Biele said. Head Coach Chuck Carmone said it was well deserved. “No one sacrifices and works harder than Parker,” he said. “She's eliminated everything in her life that doesn't make her faster, stays focused on her goals, and attacks her detailed plan with everything she has.” Biele finished 18th overall in the giant slalom at the event. The next day, the rest of the tournament was canceled due to the pandemic.



Men's hockey forward Alex Newhook '23 and **women's hockey** forward Hannah Bilka '23 each received the NCAA Division I National Rookie of the Year award. The picks marked the first time that a school has won both the men's and women's awards in the same year. Newhook's nineteen goals and four game-winning goals led all NCAA freshmen. Bilka, meanwhile, led BC in scoring, and her nineteen assists and three game-winning goals were the most of any Hockey East freshman. —JT



SHOT CALLER Toronto Raptors announcer Matt Devlin '90 was named broadcaster of the year by Sports Media Canada. Devlin, the team's play-by-play voice for twelve years, is perhaps best known for his three-pointer calls: Made shots were launched “from Mississauga,” “from Yellowknife,” or some other far-flung Canadian locale.

The light-filled aquatic center at the Margot Connell Recreation Center.



Bright Ideas

How lighting designer Kate St. Laurent '02 helped get the new Margot Connell Recreation Center glowing.

By Christine Balquist

Kate St. Laurent has a long history with Boston College. The Newton native graduated in 2002 and her father, John Springfield, used to work in information technology at BC. Now an associate vice president with the architecture firm CannonDesign, St. Laurent recently found herself back on campus to design the lighting for the Margot Connell Recreation Center. Where the old Rec Plex was “dark and dreary,” she said, the new building “glows from within.”

Though St. Laurent considered studying education and math at BC, she wound up

majoring in fine arts with a concentration in drawing. “I had no idea lighting design really existed as a profession until my teacher in graduate school exposed me to it,” she said. “It really is the perfect meld of science, math, and art. It uses all of the different sides of my brain on a regular basis.”

If you’ve never noticed lighting design before, it probably means you’ve been in relatively well-lit environments, St. Laurent said. But, if you can think of a place in which you were especially aware of the lighting or felt uncomfortable, you’ve experienced poor design.



Here, she shares expert tips for lighting a space.

USE LED WISELY

This powerful, efficient technology provides a lot of brightness, but LED’s maximum output doesn’t work in every situation. Always consider a fixture’s directionality and sightlines when determining whether LED will create a pleasant environment and aesthetic.

LOOK NORTH

As sun-path diagrams demonstrate, in the Northern Hemisphere, north-facing windows are ideal for capturing significant sunlight sans irritating glare because they don’t get direct rays.

FLATTER YOUR SPACE

Lighting can change perceptions of a room. If you want a space to feel taller, provide light that indirectly illuminates the ceiling. You can also light the walls to provide a sense of elongating or widening the room.

Research // The latest findings from Boston College

Safer on the Job

A study by Boston College researchers is the first to demonstrate that stronger firearm laws can reduce workplace homicide rates.

States that toughened their firearm policies saw declines in the rate of workplace homicides, according to a new study by BC social work and economics researchers who looked at gun law changes during a six-year period. When states tightened certain categories of gun policies—restrictions on firearms for domestic violence offenders and on concealed carrying, and increased background checks—workplace homicides decreased significantly, the BC team wrote in the *American Journal of Public Health*.

“What this study points to is one potential lever that states can pull to help reduce the number of homicides that take place at work,” said School of Social Work Assistant Professor Erika Sabbath, who led the study. “Results of this study suggest that laws that restrict firearm access and use could be meaningful steps toward prevention.”

Gun violence has been declared a public health crisis in America. In 2017, 13,205 working-age adults died by firearm, making it the ninth-leading cause of death for the group. Homicides account for about 9 percent of the approximately 4,800 workplace fatalities each year in the U.S.—with nearly 80 percent of those homicides classified as intentional shootings.

Sabbath, School of Social Work Associate Professor Summer Sherburne Hawkins, and Professor of Economics Christopher F. Baum looked at states’

annual workplace homicide rates and any variations in those rates related to changes the states made to their firearm policies (either tightening or loosening them). In all, the researchers analyzed thirteen categories of firearm policy changes from 2011 to 2017. They then used federal data on workplace homicide rates from all fifty states to test whether a state’s workplace homicide rate went down in the years after lawmakers tightened a firearm policy.

Were the states with the least restrictive gun laws to enact new policies and join those with the most restrictive laws, the researchers found, they could expect to see a 3.7 percent decline in workplace homicides, equivalent to preventing fifteen to sixteen such killings per year.

Other studies have shown a relationship between a reduction in overall gun-related deaths and state-level firearm policy changes, Sabbath said, but the BC report is the first to demonstrate that workplace homicide rates can be influenced by stronger firearm laws. Sabbath said the findings may help contribute to debates on workplace safety and gun policy, and help companies set internal policies and restrictions. “While tightening gun policies cannot prevent every homicide at work,” she said, “our results suggest that state legislative action could mean that more people would return home to their families at the end of their workday.” —Ed Hayward



Clearing the Air

Globally, nearly 4 million people die each year from household air pollution caused by inefficient cooking practices and dirty fuels, which can also release black carbon into the atmosphere. For these reasons, Praveen Kumar, an assistant professor of global practice at BC’s School of Social Work, studies how energy use affects the health of people in South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa and advocates the use of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG)—a smoke-free fuel that releases fewer pollutants than any other fuel except for electricity.

Kumar’s research, done in collaboration with Gautam N. Yadama, dean of the School of Social Work, focuses on the behavioral factors that can motivate communities to adopt the use of clean energy and to demand better environmental policies. In ongoing studies funded by the National Institutes of Health, Kumar has found that households in India and Rwanda “have been able to sustainably use LPG stoves at far higher levels when affordability, accessibility, and awareness are working in tandem.”

Universal access to clean cooking technology is the goal, Kumar said, but reaching it will require that people who live in poor, rural regions are part of the conversation. “Most energy and environmental policies are developed by so-called highly qualified people, but these policies often lack voices from the ground,” he said. “If I had my way, I would create a strategy so the unheard voices from these poor, vulnerable communities could be heard when we plan and implement such policies.”

—Jason Kornwitz

\$2.69 million

The combined National Science Foundation funding received by three psychology and neuroscience faculty members—Sara Cordes, Joshua Hartshorne, and Jaclyn Ford—in February to support their separate research on human learning and memory.



Must Read

Like many Americans during the 2016 presidential election, Evan Ryan '93—then the assistant secretary for educational and cultural affairs in the U.S. Department of State—was wading through a deluge of information, some accurate and some not, in a crowded media landscape. So, she was intrigued when *Politico* cofounder Jim VandeHei called her about his new digital venture *Axios*, which he described as a blend of *The Economist* and Twitter. “He told me he wanted to have someone in the company who was like the people they’d be trying to reach every day,” recalled Ryan, who had worked in communications for both John Kerry and Joe Biden, and served as deputy director of scheduling for former First Lady Hillary Clinton. She joined *Axios* as executive vice president in January 2017, a week before the site’s launch. With media companies folding left and right, it was a risk, but *Axios* had done its homework.

Before its debut, *Axios*’ founders polled people in top decision-making positions across many fields. “Every single person said the same thing: There’s too much for me to read,” Ryan said. “There’s too much information.” So *Axios* adopted an approach that it calls “smart brevity.” The average story on the site is about 300 words, scannable, and broken up with bulleted lists. And to rebut any suggestions of fake news—the biggest charge leveled against the industry, Ryan said—*Axios* strives for neutrality.

The model appears to be working. As of April, *Axios* had 11.8 million monthly unique viewers and about 900,000 newsletter subscribers. “People are reading us in the White House, in Silicon Valley, and everywhere in between,” Ryan said.

—*Jacqueline Tempera*

BC in the News // Our experts quoted

On the importance of social interaction for the elderly:

The Boston Globe

“We have solid evidence that social isolation is a health hazard. It’s time for us to move this field forward with more rigorous studies that identify types of social isolation and develop different kinds of interventions.”

—**James Lubben**, professor emeritus and founding director of the Institute on Aging, January 20



MARKETPLACE

On the ever-expanding work week:

“Employers have had increasing desire for workers to work long hours, in large part because of the ‘per person benefits costs’ that they pay. And workers haven’t had the power to resist that upward pressure.”

—**Juliet Schor**, professor of sociology, February 27

On forgoing the “exchange of peace” and other direct contact at Mass to curb coronavirus:



REUTERS

“All of these things are traditions that many are sentimental about. But none of these symbols are essentials to the church.”

—**Thomas H. Groome**, professor of theology and religious education, March 8



On whether President Trump and former VP Joe Biden are too old to be commander in chief: “I think it is a

legitimate concern and I do think we should be thinking about it and talking about it. But I have also seen high performances by both.”

—**Jacquelyn James**, director of the Sloan Research Network on Aging and Work and a research professor in the Lynch School of Education, March 4

On the importance of faith in times of crisis: “Faith gives you

The Washington Post

hope that this can be worked out with time, patience, and ingenuity...a sense of finitude of knowledge of science, the sense that we’re fragile.”

—**Cathleen Kaveny**, Darald and Juliet Libby Professor of Law and Theology, March 24



On the pressure to be productive during the pandemic:

“These stories of people baking bread and Chris Cuomo coming on CNN with a 101 fever are not great models for us. People need to take a break and be compassionate toward themselves and toward others.”

—**David Blustein**, professor of counseling psychology at the Lynch School of Education and Human Development, April 28



Eric Williamson photographed outside the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

Blood Brother

A bone marrow donation by Lynch School graduate student Eric Williamson helped save the life of a young girl in Brazil.

By Phil Gloudemans

Nearly seven years ago, Eric Williamson LGSOE'24 stopped at a table staffed by fellow Loyola University Chicago students who were looking for bone marrow donations—and because he did, a little girl in Brazil is in remission from leukemia today.

Williamson, then a senior at Loyola, wandered by a table for the “Delete Blood Cancer” campaign by DKMS, an international nonprofit dedicated to the fight against blood cancer and blood disorders. The promotional material characterized the chances of a bone marrow match as low, but noted that the potential impact on a recipient could be life-saving.

“I was curious, and after learning the risk on my part was very small, I felt there was no reason for me not to sign up,” recalled the Dallas native, now

a doctoral student in the Measurement, Evaluation, Statistics, and Assessment department at the Lynch School of Education and Human Development.

Williamson agreed to a cheek swab, which resulted in the addition of his DNA into a worldwide registry—and so began the chain of events that would bring him into the lives of a young girl named Thaiza from São Paulo, and her parents.

Bone marrow is the soft, spongy tissue in most bones that produces white blood cells to fight infections; red blood cells to carry oxygen throughout the body; and platelets

to stop bleeding. The transplanted marrow replaces tissue damaged or destroyed by disease, infection, or high-dose chemotherapy. According to DKMS, approximately 70 percent of all patients who need a bone marrow transplant must find a compatible donor outside of their family.

What were the chances that the tall male Texan would be a genetic match with a little Brazilian girl?

“The lion’s share of our genes are very similar or nearly identical between humans,” explained Boston College Biology Professor and Chair Welkin Johnson. Among the few exceptions are the human leukocyte antigens (HLA), which are proteins or markers on most cells in the body. The immune system uses HLA to recognize which cells belong in your body and which do not.

“Even siblings can have very different HLA genes, which is why the search for donors involves casting a very wide net to increase the chances of finding a match,” Johnson said. “A close HLA match—meaning that the donor’s and recipient’s tissues are more likely to be immunologically compatible—increases the chance that the patient’s body will accept donated cells as its own and not fight them.”

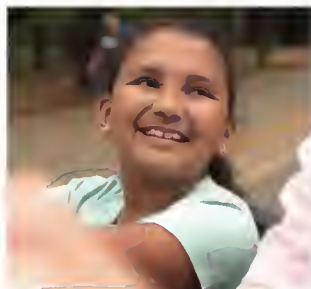
Following graduation from Loyola, Williamson joined AmeriCorps, the national voluntary civil service program, and moved to Boston to teach at a charter school. But in April 2015, he received a surprising message: His bone marrow matched a cancer patient in need of a transplant. Would he be willing to donate?

After consulting a surgeon and previous donors at Boston’s Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Williamson underwent the two-hour procedure in July of that

year. He spent a week at home recuperating.

“The worst side effect of the surgery was just some soreness where they withdrew the marrow,” he said. “Giving up one week of time was nothing compared to the potential benefit for the recipient.”

Meanwhile, Williamson’s bone marrow was headed



Thaiza, the girl in Brazil who received Williamson’s bone marrow.

to Brazil, where Thaiza—already a survivor of bone cancer—was undergoing treatment for cancer of her body’s blood-forming tissues at *Grupo de Apoio a Crianças e Adolescentes com Câncer* (GRAACC), an oncology hospital and social-service institution affiliated with the Federal University of São Paulo. GRAACC treats as many as 3,500 children and adolescents with cancer throughout Brazil each year.

Nearly eighteen months after Williamson’s surgery, his bone marrow was transfused into Thaiza, giving her a lifeline and a chance for remission, with success rates running as high as 80 percent.

Now ten years old, she leads a normal life without restrictions, and returns to GRAACC for regular checkups.

“Eric is a gift from God to our family,” said Thaiza’s father, Chicão. “He was chosen by God to save her life. He said ‘yes’ simply to be good to his neighbor. We will always be grateful to him for such a noble gesture.”

Williamson is “the blood brother she doesn’t have,” Chicão added.

Last September, Williamson received a second, extraordinary surprise: a five-day visit to São Paulo, arranged and underwritten by GRAACC, so he could meet Thaiza and her family. A video crew captured the entire trip, including the emotional rendezvous between donor and recipient. “Meeting Thaiza changed my life,” Williamson said. “I’ll always hold in my heart the memory of the first time we saw each other, and the overwhelming feeling of being loved that came from—literally—dozens of hugs from her parents, aunts and uncles, grandparents, cousins, and close friends. I felt such overwhelming joy from an entire extended family I didn’t realize I had, all because over seven years ago I happened to stop at a table and swab my cheek.”

The feeling is mutual, Chicão said. “We loved meeting him, and now he is part of our family.” ■

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To learn more about donating bone marrow, which can be done more than once, go to dkms.org, or call 212-209-6700.

CHARACTER SKETCH

Titciana Barros '11



When Roxbury Prep High School principal Titciana Barros '11 stepped onto the court to receive a Heroes Among Us award from the Boston Celtics in December, her students in the TD Garden crowd went wild. “I don’t do it for the recognition,” said Barros, who’s an alumna of the charter middle school in Boston’s Roxbury neighborhood and became principal of the associated high school last fall. “I wake up every morning and lead the school with our staff and students because someone else did it for me—I’m just paving the way for the next generation.” And it’s working: One hundred percent of last year’s graduating class took AP courses and 94 percent matriculated into four-year colleges.

—Courtney Hollands

SOLID FOUNDATION

My parents immigrated here from Cape Verde over 40 years ago. They believed and instilled in us that education was the key to success. I ended up at Roxbury Prep for middle school. I loved the culture of learning, the culture of love and joy, and the high expectations. They knew my potential before I did.

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

All kids have the potential to literally change the world and be the best they can be, and if we let the things that are happening in society or our biases get in the way, it’s not going to set a kid up to be successful.

REPRESENTATION MATTERS

Over 40 percent of our teachers are of color at the high school—and I’m not the only alum on staff. It’s important that when our students—who are almost exclusively students of color—look at their teachers, they see people who look like them and they can see their future and success in somebody else.

Books // Recent titles from the BC community

Equality for Some

A BC history professor argues that the South actually won the Civil War.

By Heather Cox Richardson

While researching my 2014 book *To Make Men Free: A History of the Republican Party*, I read Barry Goldwater's book *The Conscience of a Conservative*.

As a historian of 19th-century American politics, I was struck by how Goldwater's book, written in 1960, echoed an 1858 speech by South Carolina Senator James Henry Hammond. Writing a century apart, both men warned that widespread voting would lead to redistribution of wealth, insisted that the government could not promote social welfare, and called for a few elite leaders to direct society. In Hammond's day, that argument led southern elites to create the Confederate States of America, replacing the fundamental principle that "all men are created equal" with the idea that some men were better than others, and those men should run the nation.

How, I wondered, was it possible for men like Goldwater and Hammond, with their anti-democratic message, to achieve such power in a democracy? And what did it mean that certain modern Americans continue to use the same language?

My new book attempts to provide some answers. *How the South Won the*

Civil War explores why certain leaders make the same arguments today that elite slaveowners did before the Civil War. From there, the book examines how a handful of oligarchs—super-wealthy and powerful men—manage to convince ordinary Americans to support their belief that society should be run by elites.

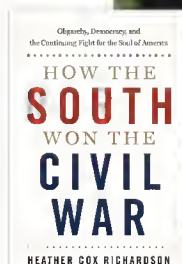
Ultimately, oligarchs in America have been able to undermine democracy because of a paradox built into our history. From the beginning, the Founders' ringing principle that "all men are created equal" depended on the idea that most Americans—women, black Americans, and all people of color—were excluded from it.

The idea that equality for certain people—originally propertied white men—depended on inequality for everyone else

left a curious loophole for those eager to seize power for themselves. In times when it seemed as if women and people of color might become equal, they argued that such an expansion of rights would overturn the American system. This was a message voters could rally around, and they supported leaders who promised to preserve American values even as those leaders took more and more power. At heart, then, this rhetoric, based in the peculiar paradox of American history, has enabled oligarchs to undermine democracy.

What I wanted to reclaim with *How the South Won the Civil War* is that while this powerful political rhetoric is steeped in racism and sexism, it also taps into the enormous excitement and promise of democracy that sparked a new nation in 1776: the idea that people in this new, radical country were not bound to the fate of their parents, but could indeed create their own destiny.

Our greatest leaders have challenged the American paradox and urged us to make the principle of equality a reality. As Abraham Lincoln put it the same year that James Henry Hammond was talking about a world controlled by a few wealthy men, "I should like to know if taking this old Declaration of Independence, which declares that all men are equal upon principle and making exceptions to it where will it stop?" Lincoln called for Americans to rededicate themselves to making sure "that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." A century and a half later, we require no less dedication. ■



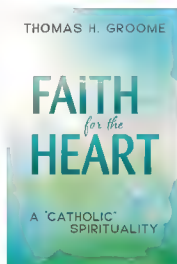
Political Pen Pal

Heather Cox Richardson writes about her new project, which puts current events in a historical context.

The last days of writing a book are all-consuming, and when I was finishing *How the South Won the Civil War*, I was also teaching during Boston College's fall semester and moving, so the last thing I expected was to start a nightly political newsletter. But on September 15, 2019, I got stung by a yellow jacket, and as I sat still to see how bad my reaction would be, I wrote a Facebook post noting something big I had seen two days earlier. The House Intelligence Committee Chair Adam Schiff (D-CA) had written a letter to the acting director of National Intelligence, Joseph Maguire, calling him out for withholding a whistleblower complaint. Schiff didn't know what was in the complaint, but he knew it had to be important for Maguire to refuse to hand it over, as the law required.

That post drew lots of questions, so I wrote another, and then another, and so was born the *Letters from an American* blog and newsletter, chronicling the days of the Trump presidency from a historical perspective. It now has hundreds of thousands of readers, and now listeners: Ani DiFranco reads the letters daily on her radio station.

The *Letters* have become, inadvertently, a complement to *How the South Won the Civil War*. But rather than emphasize our failures, as the book does, they celebrate the triumphs of American democracy. heathercoxrichardson.substack.com



Faith for the Heart: A "Catholic" Spirituality

Thomas H. Groome

Groome, a prolific writer and professor of theology and religious education, has said that he penned his latest book "for the 'nones,' for the 'spiritual but not religious,' and for anyone challenged in their faith at this time." In this exploration of how faith feeds the heart's hungers—for love, happiness, freedom, and more—Groome makes the case for spirituality in an increasingly secular world.



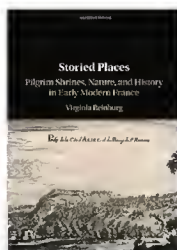
The Woman on the Windowsill: A Tale of Mystery in Several Parts // Sylvia Sellers-Garcia

True-crime aficionados will want to hit pause on their podcasts and pick up this account of a brutal murder in Guatemala City during the summer of 1800, when a mapmaker opened his study window to find a pair of severed breasts. Sellers-García, an associate professor of history, sheds light on the criminal case, revealing how it altered justice systems throughout Latin America.



Cold War Cosmopolitanism: Period Style in 1950s Korean Cinema // Christina Klein

A screening of the South Korean director Han Hyung-mo's 1956 movie *Madame Freedom* left Klein, an associate English professor, wondering about the climate that produced such a scandalous-for-its-time film. Klein's book is the first monograph devoted to Hyung-mo—"a talented filmmaker whose work has not been fully appreciated by film scholars," as she told *The Korea Times*.



In Storied Places: Pilgrim Shrines, Nature, and History in Early Modern France // Virginia Reinburg

Get lost in this study of French pilgrim shrines by Reinburg, an associate professor of history. Demonstrating the role that Sainte-Reine, Notre-Dame Du Puy, Notre-Dame de Garaison, and Notre-Dame de Betharram played in the Catholic revival following the religious wars, Reinburg evokes a sense of place as she probes the legends surrounding these sacred sites.

—Courtney Hollands

WHAT I'M READING

On Chesil Beach, Ian McEwan

This beautiful, elegant novella tells the story of a couple in 1962, just married and embarking on their life together. While it describes the couple on honeymoon, ultimately it reveals itself as a meditation on the consequential permanence of life's most fleeting moments.

—Steve Koh, Marianne D. Short and Ray Skowrya
Sesquicentennial Assistant Professor of Law



Mural of the Story

Art History Professor Stephanie C. Leone unpacks Gasson Hall's allegorical painting *The Church: The Educator of Mankind*.

The work of the self-taught Jesuit artist Br. Francis J. Schroen (inset) can be found all over Gasson Hall, but his best-known creation sits over the stage in Gasson 100: *The Church: The Educator of Mankind*. The allegorical mural—com-



pleted in the early 1900s and measuring twenty-seven by twelve feet—was inspired by Raphael's *Disputa* (*Disputation of the Holy Sacrament*) in the Vatican Palace. These two

paintings unite religion and the arts, as well as the heavenly and earthly realms, said Stephanie C. Leone, professor and chair of BC's Art, Art History, and Film department. Both also boast “a balanced composition, a strong central focus, a large group of figures arranged in a semi-circle around the main figure, lifelike and recognizable figures, and perspective to create the illusion of depth and organize the painting,” Leone said.

Here, she identifies and explains just some of the symbols in Schroen's mural.



1 In the distant background are cathedrals, churches, and civic buildings that represent the dissemination of Catholicism and knowledge. The classical architectural style on the left is juxtaposed with the Gothic style on the right—they may represent the two branches of Christian pedagogy, medieval scholasticism and Renaissance humanism. Notably, in the left background, one Gothic building stands out: the Gasson Hall tower.

2 Twenty-two branches of knowledge—including meteorology, sculpture, exploration, and patriotism—are named in the shields surrounding the painting. The Latin inscription “sapientia” (knowledge) is at the apex of the frame with a shield bearing the IHS monogram of the Society of Jesus, indicating the crucial role of the Jesuits in educating humanity.

3 This is St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, the Mother Church of Roman Catholicism and the seat of the pope. Through the clouds, Gian Lorenzo Bernini's famous curved corridors with pedimented temple fronts partially appear. The corridors physically enclose St. Peter's Square while symbolizing the embracing arms of the Mother Church. St. Peter's Basilica sits on a rocky foundation that refers to Peter as the rock of the Church.



4 St. Peter represents the Roman Catholic Church, which receives God's wisdom and, in turn, disseminates knowledge to humanity through the sacred and profane arts. (This unity of the arts and religion is affirmed by the inscriptions of "ARS." and "RELIGIO" on the short walls in the foreground.) Shown blessing, St. Peter carries out the Church's pastoral mission to care for his flock, symbolized by the lambs behind the throne.

5 The lambs, candlesticks, river, and two large trees refer to Revelation 22:1-2. The lambs symbolize the sacrifice of Christ, the Son of God, who was crucified on the wood from the Tree of Life. The flowing water refers to Christ's rebirth, which gave new life to humanity. The seven candlesticks symbolize the seven churches described in the Book of Revelation.

6 Standing in groupings of three, the figures that flank Peter are the biblical/historical representatives of the sacred and profane arts inscribed in the shields surrounding the allegory. For instance, starting from Peter, in the seventh group on the right, the bearded figure in a pale rose costume is Michelangelo Buonarroti (1475-1564), who was one of the architects of St. Peter's Basilica.

More Than Ever to Excel

BY COURTNEY HOLLANDS, JACQUELINE TEMPERA,
AND JOHN WOLFSON

PHOTOGRAPHS BY LEE PELLEGRINI

IT WAS A WEDNESDAY—March 11—when the email arrived. Boston College President William P. Leahy, SJ, was writing to inform the BC community that, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, students would have to return home, nearly all residence halls would be closed, and classes would be moved online. By Sunday night, a campus buzzing with early spring excitement had gone eerily still. To document this extraordinary moment in BC history, we commissioned a series of personal reflections—complete with selfie photos—from across the University. In the pages ahead, students, parents, academics, and administrators share their thoughts and emotions about the conclusion of a semester beyond anyone’s imagining. They describe the confusion and worry you might expect, but also a pride in how BC has responded to the pandemic and remained united throughout it. Most of all there is optimism, a belief that the University will emerge from the crisis stronger and more committed to its mission than ever.



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David Quigley

Provost and Dean of Faculties

March 18–19, 2020

LATE WEDNESDAY afternoon. We're approaching one week since the University announced that remote instruction would commence on Thursday morning, March 19—St. Joseph's Day and memories of *zeppole*, for those of us with Southern Italian ancestry. For the first time in Boston College's 157-year history, the University's faculty and students together would engage via Zoom and Google Hangouts and various other technologies that Fr. McElroy could never have imagined.

The past seven days have been reminiscent of my first as interim dean of what is now the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences. I took the reins on the morning of September 22, 2008, as the world financial collapse accelerated. Not that I have many clear memories of the whirlwind of that fall semester, but I didn't come up for air until months later, when a strange new world awaited all of us. These late-winter days have had the same mix of endless work and worrying, inspiring examples of selfless sacrifice and intensifying dread all around us.

As a historian, I've been looking back at 19th-century and other past voices for solace, inspiration, and humor. Long-ago presidents and crisis-era professors, morning-of-battle generals and self-sacrificing health professionals—I'm looking far and wide for words of wisdom and sustenance.



The turn to the past that resonated most powerfully over these days was MCA&S Dean Kalscheur's email to his faculty colleagues [see page 30] in which he quoted his fellow Jesuit Matt Carnes writing about the first Jesuits as a "*communitas ad dispersionem*"—a community in dispersion. The decades-long 16th-century correspondence between St. Ignatius in Rome and St. Francis Xavier in Asia also comes to mind, with Ignatius once concluding from across the globe: "without power or possibility of ever forgetting you." As I conclude my 22nd year at Boston College, I never could have imagined that we'd become in our own global, interconnected age a *communitas ad dispersionem*.

I'm working into the evening hours on Wednesday here in Waul House with Vice Provosts Akua Sarr and Billy Soo as we finalize and announce the various academic policy modifications that deans and academic administrators and faculty have helped shape over the previous days. I step away for the better part of an hour for a pandemic webinar with Ron Klain of the investment firm Revolution, who was at one point the Ebola czar for President Obama. Klain provides a range of sobering data and I then run back to finalize our academic policy memos. I leave the office to head to a near-empty Logan Airport to pick up my middle son, Tyrone, who is returning from his winter term at Carleton College in Minnesota. We're glad to get home to Cambridge as we remark on the eerie feeling at Terminal A baggage claim and a deepening

sense that this would be our last visit to Logan for some time.

The past seven days have been among the busiest in my career. Daily Zoom meetings with the Council of Deans and other University colleagues. Hundreds of student and faculty and parent emails. Phone calls with colleagues and other friends whose spouses or kids or loved ones are being tested for COVID-19. Further adding to the busyness of the week is the long-scheduled online notification of admitted students for the undergraduate Class of 2024. And tomorrow, we'll commence with remote instruction. A once-in-a-generation test of our information technology systems will play out in real time across the next twenty-four hours.

I wake on Thursday morning with intense anticipation for the start of classes at 8 a.m. I'm in Waul House soon after 7 and begin monitoring emails and phone calls. I spend the morning checking in with colleagues across campus and around the world. There are encouraging reports from some deans and department chairs about the rollout of online instruction, but I resist the urge to overinterpret these early data points. A sudden onset of quiet for the midday hour leaves me unsettled. What could the silence mean? Good news? Something gone wrong? The day concludes with generally reassuring news, though I know well that I'll continue tracking our progress for each of the remaining twenty-six days of instruction this semester, all the way until the last class ends on the evening of April 30.

Our daily 3 p.m. Zoom meeting with the Council of Deans concludes with Connell School of Nursing Dean Susan Gennaro holding her two-year-old grandson, Randall, on her lap. Young Randall wants to connect with the various deans and vice provosts arrayed on his grandmother's desktop screen. A welcome and hopeful reminder of our community's collective faith in the future. □

Moving Out: An Oral History

How do you safely move more than 7,000 students off campus in four days, care for the hundreds of others who stayed behind, and do it all in the middle of a pandemic? The BC administrators who executed the plan explain how they pulled the whole thing off.

BY JACQUELINE TEMPERA

GEORGE AREY, Associate VP, Residential Life: Usually we start planning in March for the closing at the end of the academic year, so we have almost three months to prepare. In this case we had to build a process that allowed us to move more than 7,200 students off campus in ninety-six hours. Directly after Fr. Leahy's email announcing that campus would be closing, we worked with the facilities department, dining services, and the police department to create that plan.

Daniel Bourque, VP, Facilities Management: Fr. Leahy's email came out on a Wednesday and the students had until Sunday at 9 p.m. to move out. We worked very closely with the Residential Life team in terms of emptying out the residence halls. We had a trusted vendor come in to help with the moving and packing and storing of students' belongings.

William B. Evans, BC Chief of Police: We put additional officers out there throughout the next ninety-six hours from the president's email. We worked closely with students and parents to help them and their parents come in, get their stuff, and slowly move out of their rooms.

Arey: Not all the students were leaving, though, so we also had to plan for them. How are we supporting

them, how can we keep them safe? And what are the logistics around moving them all into one part of campus so we can make sure that we can provide staffing, security, and access to dining services?

Bourque: It wasn't clear early on the number of students who would be staying. At one point we thought it was close to 800.

Arey: We received more than 800 appeals from students wanting to stay. The nature of the appeals ranged from personal health issues and financial situations to inability to get back to their home countries. We had to figure out how to manage who got to stay and who didn't. We set up a committee with Res Life and different units in Student Affairs, including the vice president's office, and that committee reviewed every appeal twice.

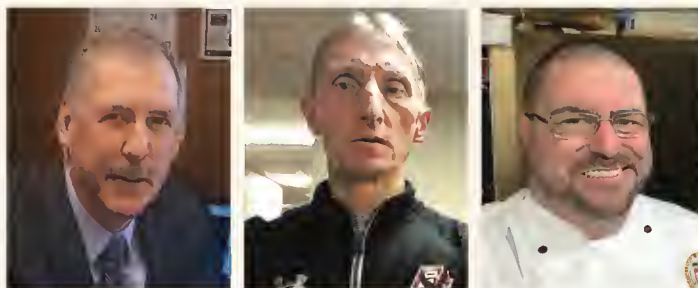
Bourque: As it turned out, we ended up with about 450 students who were staying, and that number eventually

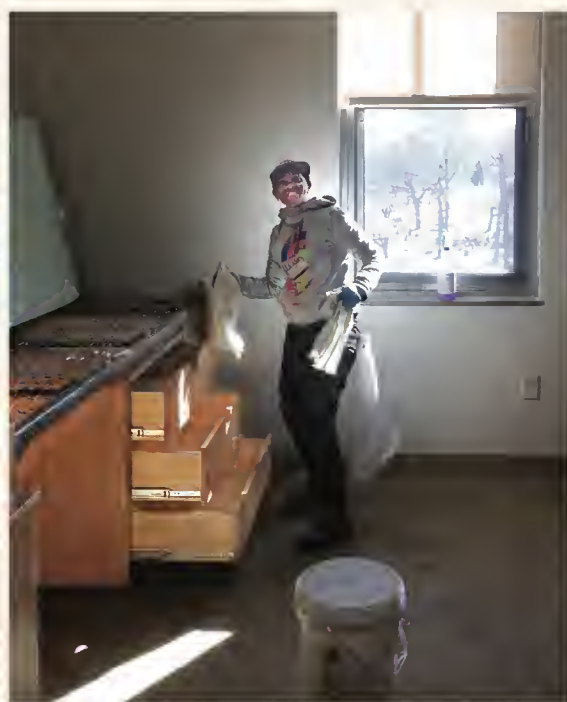
dwindled down to just below 300 as some returned home.

Arey: While all of this was going on, housekeeping cleaned about 1,900 spaces in three days for these students. They always do a great job of cleaning, but this was really, really deep cleaning to make sure everything was sanitized for all of our students. They worked three shifts—a normal day shift, an evening shift, and an overnight shift—to get everything done.

Bourque: We focused on cleaning the upper campus residence halls first, because that's where the students remaining on campus would stay. The other focus was the new residence hall, Thomas More, because that would be our isolation and quarantine location if needed. Once those areas were stable, we went back and started clearing and cleaning all the other residence halls. Housekeeping, custodial, our tradespeople—their dedication, commitment, and care has been incredible in

FROM LEFT:
Daniel Bourque,
William B. Evans,
and Frank Bailey.





ABOVE LEFT: Res Life staff distributed moving boxes to students. ABOVE RIGHT: Facilities Services staff deep-cleaned residential spaces after the students moved out.

supporting the University and, first and foremost, our students.

Arey: The students were spread throughout all the upper campus buildings so we could have a maximum amount of social distancing, and so that we could have the maximum amount of cleaning of bathrooms and common areas.

Frank Bailey, BC Executive Chef: We came up with various scenarios for feeding the students who remained on campus. We had written cycles [dining schedules and menus] in the event that we had a large number of quarantined students, or if our staff started getting sick, and we had even packaged and frozen 5,000 meals just in case our entire dining staff went down. No matter what, we would have some way to feed the people who were here. We ended up going from serving 24,000 meals a day during the typical

semester to less than 1,000. People in the serving area had to remain six feet apart, so we had to really control the flow of students. It was so much quieter than usual, but it was also a little more stressful, because obviously we're charged with making sure that when the students are in our care they're as safe as possible. So we had one manager stand in front of the entrance and call people up. The students had to put away their phones, any headphones—things that could carry the virus. They sanitized their hands, and then we'd tell them which line to get into. We had two lines in order to maintain that six-foot space between people. It was almost like air-

“I would walk around campus and it was heartbreaking to see it so still and so empty. No traffic. It was like a ghost town.”

traffic control. Plexiglass separated our servers and the students, and we plated everything in to-go containers and then put it on a counter. Students walked by, grabbed their meal, and then headed off. Students who live here see our staff probably six days a week a couple times a day. So a lot of our staff have become familiar with the students. And to now have that separation, it was a bit of a struggle to remind people, “This is for their safety. You shouldn't feel bad about it. You're keeping them as safe as you can.”

Evans: The saddest part for me was being out there at 5 a.m. for their senior sunrise tradition on that last Sunday. We probably had more than 2,000 kids for the sunrise, right on the Chestnut Hill Reservoir. They had to be out that night by 9. A sad, sad morning. It's still sad. I would walk around the campus and it was heartbreaking to see it so still and so empty. No traffic. The football team wasn't practicing. The baseball team.... What is usually a lot of enthusiasm and excitement was gone. It was like a ghost town. □

A COMMUNITY IN DISPERSION

Greg Kalscheur, SJ

Dean of the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences

AT THE END of the tumultuous week when the University decided to send students home and transition to remote teaching and learning for the rest of the semester, I was writing an email to the Morrissey College department chairs to thank them for their leadership in helping their colleagues quickly transition to online teaching. As I worked, I found myself choking up as I anticipated students (who were still on campus at the time), especially seniors, getting ready to move out and head home, and as I thought about colleagues leaving campus to work remotely. I concluded my email with these words:

One final reflection on our current situation: We are necessarily hearing more about “social distancing” at the moment. While physical distancing is indeed a critical public health measure to limit further spread of the coronavirus, I am convinced that we must work together to maintain our social connections as a community. I was given great hope by this message, which was posted on Twitter last week by Matthew Carnes, SJ, a fellow Jesuit who teaches in the Government Department at Georgetown University:

As many Jesuit universities transition to online courses, I am reminded of the way St. Ignatius and the first companions saw themselves as a “communitas ad dispersionem,” a community in dispersion. They felt themselves drawn together by a shared life and mission, and they had discovered true joy in each other’s company. But when the needs of the times—both opportunities and challenges—required them to be scattered

across the globe, they went. Through it all, they remained intimately connected through the technology of their day—letters carefully crafted and shared—so that each continued to feel united with all the others. Still one community, still one mission, still one life. I am heartened already to see my friends and colleagues and students embracing this moment in something of



the same spirit. Caring for and inspiring one another as we face challenges. Separated, to be sure, but still united. Still a community.

That strikes me as very much the right attitude of heart and mind for all of us to have as we move forward together. In that spirit of striving to embrace this moment by using the available technology to remain united with one another as a community despite being physically separated and dispersed around the country and around the world, I am confident that we can, like St. Ignatius and the first Jesuits, endeavor to live as a true community in dispersion. That is my hope for the entire Boston College community. □

GETTING THROUGH IT TOGETHER

Beatriz Day P’23

Parent of Rising Sophomore Annabel Day

OUR DAUGHTER is Annabel Day, and she just finished her freshman year. The week before spring break, Annabel was on an Appa Volunteers trip—she went to North Carolina. She’d been looking forward to it all year, so it was a very exciting and moving experience for her. Not long after the group got back, the emails started coming from the University saying they were watching the coronavirus situation. Then, on March 12, it was midnight, I got a text from Annabel saying, “Classes are mov-

ing online. We’re being asked to leave school and we’ve got until Sunday.” We live in a suburb of London called Sevenoaks, and the first thing I did was book a flight—our worry was that flights were going to stop.

Annabel packed up all her things, put them in storage, and got herself to the airport. That was on Saturday, and once she texted that she was at the gate, that’s when I thought, *Okay, it’s going to be fine.*

It’s been an interesting worldwide experiment with online learning. Because of the time difference, it’s difficult, but it’s been fine. Annabel still does her classes. She still





A sign stating "All Masses cancelled until further notice" was hung on the door of St. Mary's Chapel.

does her homework and submits her assignments. She's taken over my little study—she puts up a sign that says "In Class," because she gets embarrassed when we walk in.

It's been really important for us to see the support from the professors. They're going through this too, and they've got their families to worry about, and they're the ones that are responsible for delivering the lessons. So, it's been really wonderful to see how they've all been empathetic and creative and open. Obviously, the learning is important, but it's more about us as a community saying we can get through this together. And getting through this together is almost more of a learning experience than the actual course work. □

SOCIAL DISTANCING WITH THE JESUITS

Oliver P. Rafferty, SJ

Professor of History

THE CORONAVIRUS has upended much of the world as we know it, but the life of the Jesuit community at St. Mary's Hall has not changed much during the pandemic. St. Mary's on Linden Lane has, since 1917, been the community home of the Jesuits who serve Boston College as professors or administrators. It also houses some younger Jesuits who are studying at the University.

Jesuits tend to live highly individual lives. Unlike monastic communities, we do not come together daily as a full community to celebrate the Divine Office and the Eucharist. From that viewpoint little has changed. Mass is said privately or in small groups, and members of the community tend to pray in their rooms. The weekly community Mass on Friday followed by a social has been canceled for the time being. At an early stage we closed our community refectory to visitors. As for the chapel, we waited until the Archdiocese of Boston ordered all public services to be suspended before cancelling our Masses, three on weekdays and one each on Saturday and Sunday during semesters.

The biggest changes have come in our eating arrangements. The need to keep "social distance" in the dining room has proven

a bit difficult. Initially, we sat two or three to a table, but for the most part we now sit alone. We have not been greatly inconvenienced—our staff still come in to cook our food and to clean the common areas of St. Mary's—and we are conscious that in a sense we live very privileged lives.

And so one's thoughts turn to those who are suffering and are frightened in this time of blight.

The greatest change for me has been the stay-at-home advisory issued by the governor of Massachusetts. I tend to work in my office most days. Now, having to do

everything in my room, including teach via Panopto, has been something of a challenge. I get reports from former students that they are well, which is encouraging, and from my family and friends in Ireland that they are coping.

I am struck by how the crisis has brought out the best and worst in us as human beings. Tales of self-sacrifice and generosity on the part of many gladden the heart. It is astonishing how some, however, are using the pandemic for personal gain. Our politicians rarely display true devotion to the interests of the common good, and I fear that has been true this time. They could lead by donating their campaign war chests to hospitals and medical charities. John F. Kennedy once said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." We could all benefit by acting on those sentiments. □





GRATITUDE FOR EACH DAY

Joy Moore '81

Vice President for Student Affairs

FROM THE MOMENT students learned they'd need to vacate the campus, they've had a great many emotions. It was around 5 p.m. when the email came, and I was just starting a dinner meeting with the Asian Caucus student group. The students were checking their phones, as they often do, and suddenly they started to look around at one another in disbelief. Then a few started to cry as it began to sink in that they would be leaving for the remain-

der of the school year, not just for a period of time. I wrapped up the dinner meeting, as I knew the students needed to go and be with their friends.

The escalation of the pandemic and how quickly we had to respond and build multiple contingency plans challenged us all in many ways. *[For more on those plans, see page 28.]* We began to receive a flood of phone calls, emails, and text messages from students and parents. They had questions and suggestions, and I made it a division priority to respond to all of their



inquiries as quickly as possible. As a parent myself, I could relate to the uncertainty, anxiety, and frustration many parents felt, particularly during the first few weeks of this pandemic. So, as always, our division tried to be accessible and transparent in how we communicated. Showing strength and empathy along with a certain amount of vulnerability is an authentic and honest way for me to communicate.

Looking ahead, we're confronted with a lot of unknowns, and just being present and accepting of this new reality is step one. We're all experiencing a disruption in our daily routines and we very much want to get back to what feels normal and comfortable. Yet, we must practice patience and know that we are doing the right thing for the greater good. We need to be kind to each other as we navigate this temporary new normal we find ourselves living in, and keep our spirits up and remind ourselves of what we are grateful for each day. □

Endgame

Three seniors describe what it was like to lose their final season as college athletes.

BY JOHN WOLFSON

FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES who were seniors, the sudden closing of campus brought an unexpected end to their college athletic careers. We asked three of them about the experience.

BC Magazine: How far along was your season when it was canceled?

Zach Walker, men's hockey: We'd won the Hockey East regular-season title and were ranked fourth in the nation. Our season is nothing compared to the health of everyone around us, but it was heartbreaking. My senior class had never made the NCAA tournament, and this year it looked like we might. It was devastating.

Kylie Wilcox, women's tennis: We were about halfway through our season. We had just gotten back from spring break, and had played one match and had three days of practice—and then our season was canceled.

Christian Cavaliere, men's golf: We had just played our second tournament of the spring, in Las Vegas. We got home at like 2 in the morning. That same day we got the email that students had to be off campus by Sunday.

BCM: Former Athletic Director Martin Jarmond later held a meeting with BC athletes. What happened at that meeting?

ZW: Martin was saying there was still a decent chance for postseason tournaments to be held. Then Jocelyn [Fisher

Gates, senior associate AD] walked up to Martin with his phone. He'd gotten a text that all the NCAA tournaments had been canceled. Mid-speech! It was like something out of a movie script.

BCM: Your career as a college athlete was suddenly over. How did you process such disappointing news?

KW: It was like going through a traumatic experience. You usually have a couple of months to spend with everyone and say your goodbyes. We had four days. It was a very sad, emotional time. I think a lot of people are still struggling to process it.

CC: Those last four days, no one knew whether to be super upset or try to

savor the time we had. When I said goodbye to all my roommates, I broke down a little. It just hit me all at once that I was actually leaving. And it was as if we weren't just saying goodbye to college—my thought was, when the dust settles, are there people that we will never see again as a result of this?

BCM: What comes next for you athletically?

ZW: I personally struggled to have as much ice time as some players, but I want to try and pursue a hockey career. I'm hoping to play minor-league professional hockey somewhere next year.

KW: I may play some tournaments over the summer. I don't have aspirations of becoming a top-100 player, but I may play a few pro events just to compete again. We'll see.

CC: I'm planning to do a qualifying school for a pro tour. That's the first step when you turn pro, qualifying school for whichever tour you can get on. □

“We had just gotten back from spring break and had played one match and had three days of practice. Then our season was canceled.”



FROM LEFT:
Christian
Cavaliere,
Zach Walker,
and Kylie
Wilcox.

Continuing Education

Amid a global pandemic, Boston College faculty found innovative ways to teach classes and connect with students online.

BY COURTNEY HOLLANDS

EMILY PRUD'HOMMEAUX had a plan. During spring break, the Gianinno Family Sesquicentennial Assistant Professor of Computer Science had followed the spread of COVID-19 and emailed with colleagues. It was impossible to predict exactly how the pandemic would affect Boston College, of course, but Prud'hommeaux understood that there could be a need to bring her classes online.

So when Prud'hommeaux, who had never before taught online, returned to campus on March 9, she began preparations for the shift by delivering her Computer Science II lectures on the video-conferencing platform Zoom. As it turned out, Prud'hommeaux's concerns proved prescient—BC, like colleges and universities around the country, halted in-person teaching two days later and then, on March 19, shifted completely to remote learning. There may be nothing that can replace the quality and intimacy of the in-class learning experience, but Prud'hommeaux was heartened by the level of instruction that can be achieved online.

"We can do something different," she said. "We can adapt. And maybe there are some things that we can learn from this experience." In addition to Zoom meetings, Prud'hommeaux offered virtual evening office hours for students in faraway time zones, and collaborated with students on coding projects via Atom, an open-source editor.

Prud'hommeaux was just one of the more than 800 full-time faculty members who provided classes to BC students scattered around the globe. "It was great to hear reports of deep and sustained engagement with course material," said Provost and Dean of Faculties David Quigley. "I enjoy knowing that the wonderful spirit of the Boston College classroom—marked by curiosity, rigor, and openness—echoed around the nation and across the world, helping bring some light into a dark time for so many."

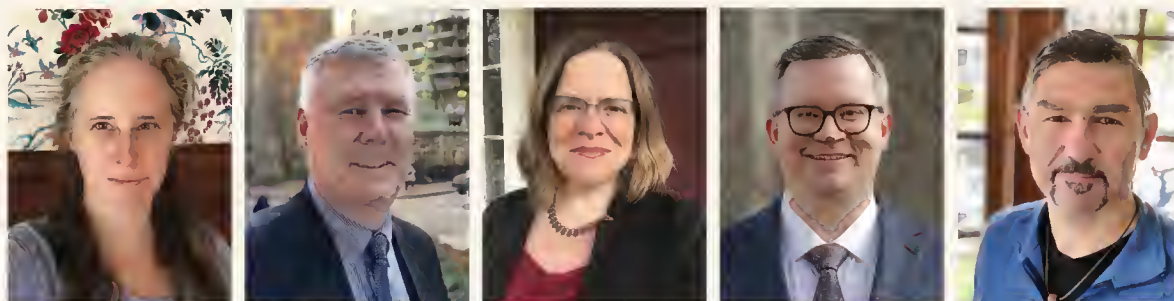
To help hundreds of faculty members, with varying degrees of technological know-how, successfully bring their classes online, BC's Center for Teaching Excellence, Center for

Digital Innovation in Learning, and Information Technology Services all worked together, ensuring that professors from across the University were able to deliver top-quality online instruction. "We wouldn't have been able to make the leap without two things: an existing foundation of good technology and teaching practices, and the fantastic partnership of these three groups. And, of course, our great faculty really made it all happen," said Vice President for Information Technology Michael Bourque.

CTE and CDIL offered training sessions on Zoom and other online tools for each department at BC, and

"Frankly, this is what teaching is always about. You figure out the context in which you're teaching and you have to meet the challenges where they are."

FROM LEFT: Emily Prud'hommeaux, Michael Bourque, Stacy Grooters, Bryan Blakeley, and Can Erbil.





Can Erbil used his home-made lightboard to explain concepts to his economics students via Zoom.

led hundreds of one-on-one training sessions with professors in the ramp-up to the March 19 move online. Their work centered on helping faculty to build on teaching structures they already had in place, revisit their goals given the new classroom environment, and focus on maintaining a human connection in the digital space.

The shift was rapid, but teaching often has to adapt to a changing world, said Stacy Grooters, the interim director of CTE. “Frankly, this is what teaching is always about,” she said. “You figure out the context in which you’re teaching and you have to meet the challenges where they are.”

Brainstorming with instructors about how to keep students engaged in a Zoom environment was paramount, said Bryan Blakeley, executive director of CDIL. “One big thing we had to figure out early on,” he said, “was what kind of options did we need to make available to faculty in terms of technology that would both nudge them toward the interactive pedagogies that they might use in the classroom, but would also allow them

to replicate some of the practices that they were counting on, like exams.”

Effective and meaningful instruction took many different forms during the extraordinary spring semester. Lab-science instructors created high-quality virtual experiences for STEM students, while professors of service-learning courses asked students to grapple with fundamental

questions of service amid the global coronavirus crisis. For Can Erbil—a professor of the practice in economics who was already offering an online graduate-level course at the Woods College of Advancing Studies—the new reality meant rethinking his entire approach to teaching the intro-level class *Principles of Economics*. To start, Erbil designed the course to be asynchronous, meaning that his 255 students, who are spread around the world from China to Brazil, could access class materials at any time that was convenient. Erbil recorded voice-overs for his lecture slides; created supplemental short videos featuring a special homemade lightboard he used to explain important concepts; and held virtual office hours. Students had to complete weekly problem sets and news analysis assignments, as well as participate in discussion forums—all online. They also worked on a project focused on income inequality in their own ZIP codes, in partnership with Opportunity Insights at Harvard University.

To top it all off, Erbil injected a little fun into the course, sharing a song of the week—which he kicked off with “I Will Survive” by Gloria Gaynor. “I think we can get out of this stronger,” Erbil said. “More people will understand how important the BC mission is, especially in a society as separated as we have been in the last couple of years. So this may be an opportunity.” □

Learning from Afar

The 255 students in Can Erbil's spring 2020 *Principles of Economics* course represent...

12 time zones

10+ countries, including Indonesia, Brazil, and Italy

25 U.S. states

STRENGTH, RESILIENCE, AND CREATIVITY

Shakalah Thompson '21

Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Award Winner

WHEN I WAS TAUGHT how to swim in the ocean, I learned that when fighting a rip tide, it's best not to fight at all. That will only tire you out. It's best to hold your breath and let the tide take you until you are up above water again. The COVID-19 pandemic is its own kind of rip tide, one that has swept us all out and away from feelings of normalcy and groundedness, and I have been doing my best not to fight it.

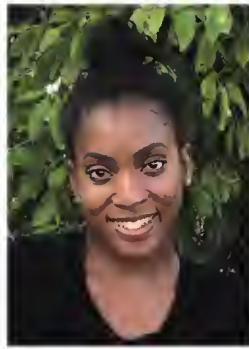
When the email arrived in March announcing that students would have to leave campus because of the pandemic, I didn't really have the time to process moving out: I just knew that the remaining months I thought I was going to have with my friends, my pending internship opportunities, my plans to go abroad in the summer, the events my e-board had planned for our outreach program, any semblance of progress I had made in the past few months—they were all gone with one email.

But there was something else that was filling, and clouding, my mind during the three days I took to move out. That would be thoughts of students who were unable to return home, who had nowhere to go, nowhere to store their belongings, or who would not have access to the resources that they needed to finish the school year. I thought about the fact that not every student had parents who could come and

help them transition out. Not everyone had access to food and shelter outside of the University's housing, or could afford an unplanned

bus or plane ticket. As I packed, I wondered if these students were being accommodated, especially considering we were expected to continue school online just the following week. It was heartbreaking to consider that our most underprivileged students might find themselves

holding an even shorter end of the stick. [To learn how BC accommodated



students who were unable to return home, see page 28.]

As for the transition to online classes, I appreciated the professors who were generous about restructuring their syllabi in ways that were inclusive of students who may not have had the material or mental resources to go about their schooling as normal. And if we ever find ourselves in this situation again, I would encourage all professors to continue to assess and reassess their classroom priorities given the realities their students will be facing.

The transition for me was not easy, but I determined to keep a positive approach. My mother always told me you cannot control the circumstances that life throws at you, only how you respond. Having strength, resilience, and creativity is important now, more than ever, in order to cope with the difficulties and uncertainties many of us have to face. So rather than drown in despair, I choose to wear my faith as a life jacket that carries me through rough waters—even a rip tide. □

NEW CREATIVE PATHWAYS

Christopher Boucher

English Department Associate Professor of the Practice

ONE OF MY FAVORITE literary movements, the French group of writers and mathematicians known as the OuLiPo (*the Ouvroir de Littérature Potentielle*), was founded on the notion that constraints—the challenge, say, of writing a lipogrammatic novel that omits a given letter and any words that include it—can lead to

new creative pathways or epiphanies. I've been thinking about this idea frequently since the Boston College community transitioned to online learning in mid-March.

Teaching at BC is one of the great privileges of my life, and I won't ever forget the sinking sadness I felt the day the online transition was announced. As I walked from my office in Stokes to the Commonwealth Garage





“It was heartening to see the BC community respond with ingenuity and fortitude to the constraints presented by online learning. Still, I found myself missing BC.”

community respond with ingenuity and fortitude to the constraints presented by online learning. Still, I found myself missing BC—both in the ways I expected and in some I wouldn’t have considered a month earlier. Starting a Zoom meeting in my home office, I missed walking toward my class meetings through hallways filled with the faint chatter of five or ten other classes in session. Addressing the grid of faces in my online classroom, I looked forward to a time when I could jot down notes on a real blackboard again, or ask a question and see five or six hands in the room shoot into the air.

A virtual tour, finally, is no match for the full-sensory experience of a walk—nor for that unforgettable moment a few years ago, during an earlier iteration of *Walking Infinite Jest*, when my students and I were reading aloud on a Cambridge street corner and a man stepped out of an adjacent restaurant to take out the trash, saw the books we were all holding, and said, “*Infinite Jest!* I know that book.” Then he offhandedly mentioned one of the character’s names, and told us that the real-life inspiration for that character used to frequent his establishment. “I used to see him here all the time,” he said, and walked back inside. My students and I just stood there for a moment—aghast, delighted, and keenly aware that, sometimes, you’re blessed with the good fortune to be standing at the exact right place at just the right time. ■

that Wednesday night, I remember reflecting on all that we would miss over the next two months: the vibrancy of campus as the spring flowers bloom, the electric charge of Arts Fest, the triumphant Honor’s Tea held by the English department every May.... The list goes on.

In the days that followed, though, I reviewed my coursework in search of moments where these new constraints might yield new opportunities. In my fiction workshop, for example, I modified an assignment to give students the

option of creating a video presentation or podcast instead of an essay. I also developed a virtual tour to replace the physical one that I usually lead for students in my one-credit seminar *Walking Infinite Jest*. As the title suggests, this course invites students to read David Foster Wallace’s opus—much of which takes place just down the road from campus—while visiting the landmarks that inspired it.

I’ve heard tell of such modifications from a number of colleagues, and it was heartening to see the BC



ERIC NAM WANTS TO MAKE YOU SWOON

The pop singer—and BC alum—is huge in Korea.
Can he make it big here, too?

BY COURTNEY HOLLANDS

TEENS AND TWENTY-SOMETHINGS in Doc Martens and glittery eyeliner filled the Boston club Royale on a Friday night in February. They had come to see the Korean pop star Eric Nam '11, and several of them had stood outside the venue all day in the freezing cold to secure spots up front. Now, as they waited for Nam to take the stage for the sold-out show, they waved homemade signs (“Eric Phe-NAM-enol,” “PROM WITH NAM?”), took countless selfies, and clutched dolls in his likeness.

Nam has a dedicated—and growing—fan base. Nam Nation, as his admirers are known, tends to skew young and female, and at the show they lined up at the merchandise table to buy hoodies and hats.

Nam is certainly a star on the rise, if not yet a household name. He was born in Atlanta to Korean immigrants, and has spent the past decade in South Korea, where he has climbed the music charts and become a famous TV host and celebrity interviewer. *GQ Korea* named him a 2016 “Man of the Year.” He landed on *Forbes*’ “30 Under 30” list in 2017 and oversees a social media juggernaut that includes almost 3 million Instagram followers, hyperactive Twitter and YouTube accounts, and two popular podcasts. “Me going to Korea and being a singer there wasn’t so much a ‘I want to be a K-pop star’ thing,” Nam told me backstage before the concert. “I just needed to start where I am accepted, where I’m not different, where I’m afforded the opportunities I wouldn’t be afforded here in the States.”

Korean popular music—known as K-pop—is a blend of dance music, hip-hop, R&B, jazz, and rock that’s sung mostly in Korean, with a few choice English words in the catchy refrains. It’s also big business, a global, multibillion-dollar industry. Acts like BTS and Blackpink are flooding American airwaves and making the late-night talk show rounds. Now Nam, with the release last fall of his first English-language EP, *Before We Begin*, and a



Eric Nam performed at Cool Stage in Madrid, Spain, on June 5, 2019.

sweeping tour of Canada and the U.S., is riding the wave, finally poised to make his mark stateside. Of course, that was the plan all along.

GROWING UP IN GEORGIA, Nam played the cello and piano. He daydreamed about being a musician but the path wasn't clear. "It was never a realistic opportunity," he said. Instead, Nam majored in international studies and minored in Asian studies at Boston College and joined the school's Undergraduate Government and the Shaw Leadership Program. Robert Capalbo, the program's founder and faculty fellow, called Nam one of his "all-time favorite" students. "He's a very bright person, very personable and compassionate," said Capalbo, who is also the associate director of stewardship and donor relations at BC.

While Nam threw himself headlong into his studies at BC, he kept his musical aspirations alive by establishing the local branch of Kollaboration, a Los Angeles-based Asian American artist collective with chapters around the country. He also uploaded videos of himself singing covers to YouTube—his solo take on the K-pop girl group 2NE1's "Lonely" went viral.

An internship at Deloitte led to a consulting job there after graduation, but Nam deferred his start date to pursue microfinance initiatives in India. That's where he was when he got the message telling him some of the cover songs he'd posted online had caught the attention of a scout for the reality TV competition *Star Audition: Birth of a Great Star 2* (South Korea's answer to *American Idol*). Nam was offered a spot in the competition, which would mean delaying his entry into the business world once again. "Everyone was like, *Look, companies like Deloitte are always going to be there. It would be a shame not to take that risk and not to take*

that leap when you've been dying for it," Nam recalled. "It was a big decision and I'm glad I took it."

He finished in the top five on *Star Audition* and spun his fifteen minutes into a flourishing career as a K-pop singer/songwriter (releasing three EPs) and television personality (interviewing celebrities from Robert Downey Jr. and Emma Stone to Jamie Foxx). Through it all, though, Nam was looking west.

It was the summer of 2018 when he embarked on his first

North American concert tour, with shows in fourteen cities. His timing couldn't have been better. K-pop swept the Asian market in the 2000s, but the genre's first Western hit didn't arrive until 2012 with the smash single "Gangnam Style" by Psy. K-pop reached an even wider audience in 2018, when EXO and CL performed during the closing ceremony of the PyeongChang Olympic Winter Games—and today, superstars like BTS and Blackpink are selling out concerts around the world. K-pop's infiltration can sometimes feel like the Generation Z equivalent of the boomers' British Invasion.

The rise of K-pop has created cultural shock waves in the country of its origin. "For many young Koreans, K-pop stars represent their ideal image of themselves; for Korean leaders, they symbolize the promising future of their country," Susanna Lim, an associate professor of Korean and Russian studies at the University of Oregon, wrote in a 2018 *Conversation* article.

Add in the international success of Asian-created works such as the movies *Crazy Rich Asians* and the Best Picture-winning *Parasite*, and Nam believes the cultural climate is right for his music to thrive in the U.S. But even as he's looking to capitalize on this moment, Nam understands that his association with K-Pop could prove limiting. "I feel there is a singular mindset, a stereotype or perspective that people have about K-pop: There's going to be seven, eight, ten guys or girls on stage who are perfectly in sync, with purple hair, doing flashy dances—which is true to an extent," he said. "I am K-pop, but I also want to be seen as just pop—just playing music."

IT WAS TIME FOR NAM to take the stage at Royale, and he emerged to the delight of Nam Nation dressed in an orange windbreaker, paint-splattered jeans, and black

Converse All Stars. Enveloped in a fog machine-produced haze, the singer bounced, shimmied, and even sprayed the front row with water bottles. Nam was often joined by four backup dancers, and his every body roll sent rippling sighs through the room. He chatted up the crowd, telling stories about his stern Korean mom and winking for emphasis. At one point, he leapt into the audience, held aloft by his fans' raised hands as he sang.

I'd never heard Nam's music prior to the concert, but I found myself bobbing my head, and soon I was singing along. The songs—the frenetic energy—were infectious.

"All that jumping up and down—it tired me out just watching him," said Capalbo, Nam's professor from a decade ago. He took in the concert from the balcony, then went backstage. Capalbo has followed his former student's career for years, listening to his music and watching his performances on YouTube. "Right in front of my eyes was the

transformation of a quiet, studious, humble young man into an international star," Capalbo said. "Eric's enjoying himself and is bemused on some level by his success, but he's got it all in perspective. If his career ended tomorrow, he would continue to do very important things for our society."

Indeed, Nam's mission is serious: to help open the door for more Asians and Asian Americans in entertainment and media. (And he's not shy about sharing his thoughts on the matter in earnest monologues during his shows.) He told me that the only people who looked like him on TV when he was a child were Jackie Chan and Lucy Liu. "It was very limiting in terms of what we can do," he said. "I don't know if I'll be the one to break out and be the next Justin Bieber or Bruno Mars. But I think doing these shows and speaking with people is enough to inspire the thirteen-year-old kid in his basement watching music videos to say, *I can try that*. And that's kind of the goal." ■

TOP OF THE POP

Here are five other performers for your K-pop playlist.

Psy

OF MEMBERS: 1

Thanks to an earwormy refrain and accompanying viral video, "Gangnam Style"—Psy's 2012 hit about an upscale Seoul neighborhood—became a cultural touchstone and the biggest song to ever come out of Asia. The one-time Berklee College of Music student has released subsequent albums but has yet to strike gold again in the U.S.

BTS

OF MEMBERS: 7

To get an idea of just how big BTS is, watch their 2018 appearance on *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*. You can barely hear the perfectly coiffed members introduce themselves over the screaming. With three rappers and four singers, the group has collaborated with American artists Sia and Halsey, and churns out chart-toppers like "Boy with Luv" and "Black Swan."

Blackpink

OF MEMBERS: 4

Dynamic and impeccably dressed, this female quartet debuted in 2016. Today, they play arenas and each of the bandmates—Jisoo, Jennie, Rosé, and Lisa—is working on a solo project. Don't say we didn't warn you: Blackpink's bouncy "Ddu-Du-Ddu-Du" (a 2019 Teen Choice Award winner) will get stuck in your head for days.

EXO

OF MEMBERS: 9

This Chinese-South Korean boy band releases music in several languages and burst onto the international stage with a sharply choreographed, fireworks-studded performance at the closing ceremonies of the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang (singer-songwriter and rapper Lee Chae-rin—stage name CL—also appeared).

Monsta X

OF MEMBERS: 6

With rabid fans that call themselves Monbebes, a recent collaboration with the American super-producer Steve Aoki, and a performance on the *MTV Unplugged at Home* online series alongside Melissa Etheridge, Alessia Cara, and Shaggy, this slick sextet has come a long way from their beginnings on the Korean reality television competition *No.Mercy*.





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Welcome to Post-Truth America

With the rise of social media and partisan news outlets, everyone now has their own opinions *and* their own facts. Can we break free of our echo chambers?

BY TONY REHAGEN

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On March 4, 2020, a Wednesday of no particular significance, the president of the United States told seventy-three lies.

The day before that, he lied forty times. As of April 3, through 1,170 days in office, Donald Trump had made a total of 18,000 demonstrably false or misleading claims. All of this is according to the Washington Post Fact Checker, one of several outlets dedicated to analyzing and correcting the exaggerations, misstatements, and flat-out falsehoods of our politicians.

That an elected official plays loose with the truth is hardly shocking—the idea of a lying politician is so commonplace as to be a cliché. What is remarkable, though, is the number of people who, despite incontrovertible evidence to the contrary, don't seem to think Trump is lying at all. During the COVID-19 pandemic, for instance—when the president has maintained that anyone who wants a virus test can get one (they can't), suggested that hydroxy-chloroquine has showed “tremendous promise” in treating the virus (it hasn't), and said that one day, “like a miracle,” the virus would simply disappear (it didn't)—an NPR/*PBS NewsHour* poll showed that 37 percent of Americans, more than a third of the country, said they still had a good amount or great deal of trust in Trump as a source of information about the pandemic.

It's easy to single out Trump because of the numbing frequency of his false statements, but he is only a symptom of a larger problem that has been building for decades. A willful, generations-long assault on the legitimacy of the press; the rise of partisan media outlets blending opinion and dubious reporting; foreign governments creating and disseminating propaganda in the form of false news stories; and, crucially, the emergence of social media to amplify the range of misinformation, disinformation, and conspiracy theories—all of it has amounted to a sustained and potent attack on the very notion of fact-based evidence and objective truth.

“The reality is that we're able to create many types of realities because of the communication tools we can now surround ourselves with,” said Michael Serazio, an associate professor in the BC Communication department. “We produce information for social networks and tailor it to

what we prefer. We live in a filtered bubble. It's the notion of our ability to cocoon ourselves in news content that won't cause cognizant dissonance.”

The data clearly support the overwhelming scientific consensus on the threat of climate change and the safety and benefits of vaccinations. There is irrefutable evidence that the Holocaust happened and that a deranged gunman murdered twenty children and six adults at the Sandy Hook Elementary School. Each of these things is true by any historical standard. Yet, to varying degrees, each is viewed with skepticism by large swaths of the American public. Meanwhile, a 2016 Gallup poll found that just 32 percent of Americans had faith that TV, newspapers, and radio were reporting the news “fully, accurately, and fairly.”

So how has it come to this? How have we arrived at a moment when it seems that we disagree not just on what something means but on whether it is even true? What happened to our faith in the media as a trusted arbiter of the truth? Can we ever return to a time when, generally speaking, we agree on what is real, what is not, and who is qualified to decide—and did such a time ever exist?

In many ways, it makes perfect sense that we, as Americans, have formed such a tenuous relationship with the concept of one reality. After all, as a government, as a society, and as a culture, we were built on the idea of multiple opinions and viewpoints. Our tradition of liberal individualism is rooted in the belief that everyone's experience and opinion is valid. Everyone gets a vote, a voice, and a chance to be heard. So it's hardly surprising that so many Americans have come to believe that they have a right to their own truth. In fact, expertise and authority are now sometimes viewed with skepticism. “Someone in their basement who has a crazy idea is more trustworthy because he's more authentic,” Serazio said. “They're not part of the system. Things that are created professionally are suspicious.”

It's enough that Sylvia Sellers-García, associate professor of history, has begun to reevaluate her thinking about the nature of truth. In her course Truth-telling in History, Sellers-García looks at the challenges of relying on primary sources to accurately portray the past, and whether history itself is a form of fictionalizing, even if it's based on facts. “In the past I was more receptive to the idea that truth is something with many sides,” she said. “I used to think that, whether you're telling the past or observing the present, it's going to look different depending on who you are. I don't discard that notion, but I do feel a renewed call to underscore the importance of evidence at this time. Postmodernists argued that we need to question where the grand truths come from. But I no longer believe that you

can take any perspective and say it's your truth and call it a day. If it's just your perspective, you need to explain why it's valid."

The demonizing in some corners of expertise and authority, and the concurrent *it's-my-truthification* of so much of American discourse, has helped to create a dangerous vacuum. In other countries, which are trying to navigate the same murky waters as the U.S., Big Brother—the state—has stepped in to fill the void. "What we see in other parts of the world is government more overtly taking on the role of vetting and shaping information and putting it out as a story," said Matt Sienkiewicz, chair of the BC Communication department, who specializes in global media culture and media theory. "This is done overtly at a policy level." Government-supported media can be in the public interest, of course—consider such trusted outlets as

PBS and NPR—but it can also be used to blatantly twist and shape information via internet troll farms and other online campaigns designed to sow discord and spread misinformation through social media.

There has been more new error propagated by the press in the last ten years than in an [sic] hundred years before...

These words were written by a U.S. president—but not in a tweet. They were jotted by John Adams in the margins of a book, next to a passage in which the French philosopher Condorcet extolled the virtue of the new "free press" and it's potential to inform the general public.

Our era, then, is hardly the first in which the idea of objective truth has come under fire. In fact, this practice of undercutting the media is at least as old as the country itself. Which is not to say that the press hasn't at times earned the scorn that it receives.

Adams, for his part, had reason to be cynical. He had been targeted and libeled by partisan pamphlets and broadsheets, just as public figures had been in the two centuries since the invention of moveable type and the proliferation of printing presses had given voice to just about anyone with something to say. The problem persisted throughout the 1800s, into a period of Yellow Journalism that straddled the turn of the 20th century, when facts and comprehensive reportage were sacrificed in favor of salacious headlines and copy, the better to sell newspapers.

Things started to change with the rise of radio and then television and the resulting consolidation of American newspapers. Suddenly, in the middle part of the 1900s, just a handful of broadcast networks and print publications—boasting robust and powerful news departments—were largely controlling the information consumed by most citizens. "Back in the good old days of network news and large and reputable news organizations, they were the arbiters," said Gerald Kane, a pro-



fessor in the Carroll School of Management who also helps Fortune 500 companies develop strategies in response to changes in digital technology. “There was pretty strong public trust in them.”

When Edward R. Murrow described the blitz devastating London, shocked listeners didn’t question what they were hearing. When Walter Cronkite teared up and told America that John F. Kennedy had been shot and killed in Dallas, the public never wondered whether it had truly happened. When Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, under the trusted banner of the *Washington Post*, broke the Watergate scandal and eventually connected it and the subsequent cover-up to Richard Nixon, the country reluctantly accepted that its president was, in fact, a crook. Any dissent from fringe voices or outlets was more or less considered nonsense. “We used to not receive information from elsewhere,” Sienkiewicz said. “The American media sphere was very hard to penetrate.”

This period of centralized news in America turned out to be relatively brief. The first holes in the news filter were created by cable TV channels that could dedicate an entire day of programming to news—even if there weren’t twenty-four hours worth of news to report. Old controls, such as regulation of the airwaves and fair time given to politicians, were out. The rise of politicized media was in. “If you can’t get more facts, what do you rely on? Opinion,” said Serazio, whose research focuses on political communication and new media. “And more space creates a faster output of opinion.”

Now consider the infinite space of the internet. Today, fact and truth are out there bouncing around cyberspace, competing for attention with all manner of opinions, rumors, and half-baked theories, all of it moving at the speed of fiber optics. Whatever you *prefer* to believe, a “story” can be found out there confirming it. If ever we needed a universally trusted arbiter of what is true and factual and what is not, now is the time. Yet even as the established media’s credibility is regularly challenged by large portions of the country, including the president, the industry finds itself struggling to stay afloat financially in this digital age, forced to play the old game of competing for eyeballs.

Condorcet’s 18th-century theory that, in the uncensored marketplace of ideas, the truth will eventually win out is getting perhaps its most definitive test. Welcome to post-truth America.

So what can we do to reclaim an agreed-upon standard for objective truth? The problem and the solution might be found in the same place: the internet.

Mo Jones-Jang is an assistant professor in the Communication department whose research centers on digi-

How have we come to disagree not just on what something means but on whether it is even true? Can we ever again agree on what is real and who is qualified to decide?

tal information behavior, big data analytics, and media psychology. He recently conducted a study looking at how people on Facebook interact with information that doesn’t necessarily represent their views. There’s a common notion that social media is at the root of our polarization, trapping users in bubbles of affirmation, where they shut out all disagreement and lose touch with the larger discourse. In his study, Jones-Jang actually found the opposite. “People have thousands of friends—and not all are uniformly Democrats or Republicans,” he said. “Actively avoiding friends who disagree requires cognitive energy that most people try to save.” Jones-Jang’s research showed that while people will click primarily on news content that supports their existing political views, and will spend more time with such content, they “aren’t avoiding the posts that aren’t supporting their attitudes.” In other words, the internet does have the power to expose people to new ideas.

To harness that power—to begin using the internet as a tool for telling and amplifying truth rather than misinformation and lies—there are roles for everyone from the media to the social media companies to perhaps even higher education.

A particularly helpful development would be for our media organizations to do a better job of keeping such misinformation out of their well-intended news stories in the first place—and that starts with the troublesome issue of false balance in articles. For decades, the traditional media has dedicated itself to the concept of equal time and balance, but that tenet is naive if not downright dangerous in today’s environment. How can you give equal weight to all sides of any issue when some sides have a blatant (if not cynical) disregard for what’s true?

In another of his studies, Jones-Jang focused on news coverage of the anti-vaccination movement. He found that most reporters accurately presented the overwhelming scientific consensus about the safety and benefits of vaccines. Wanting to avoid the appearance of bias, however, the reporters sought to “balance” their stories by giving space to anti-vaccination activists. In the process, they allowed the activists to make dubious claims about the links



between vaccines and autism and other conditions. It was classic he said, she said journalism, in which the arguments of the different parties are faithfully presented, and it's then left to the reader to determine what's true. Such reporting creates a dangerous false impression that there is actually a substantive debate when, in fact, sometimes there is not. The science on vaccines, for example, is clear and unambiguous: Medical experts overwhelmingly support vaccination. By prizing balance in stories about controversial issues such as vaccinations and climate change, reporters can unintentionally wind up helping to spread misinformation.

Many flawed stories wind up getting shared over social media, of course, and so does a lot of outright propaganda and lies. For this reason, the social media platforms—where so many people get their “news”—also have an important part to play in restoring a collective sense of objective truth. To do that, and to begin harnessing the power of social media to truly inform, the platforms themselves must do a better job of identifying and removing the misleading content that is shared over them. These websites have been notoriously bad at policing the information in their feeds, of course, but Jones-Jang said that is starting to change. For instance, during the current pandemic, when lies and misinformation have literally become a matter of life and death, Twitter and Facebook have started to flag and remove erroneous coronavirus stories that are determined to be dangerous.

CSOM's Gerald Kane said that when it comes to reestablishing a widely accepted standard for facts and objective truth, there could also be a role for the academy. Our colleges and universities could be the nation's arbiters of truth, Kane said. “We could use our endowments to push forward as a reputable news source,” he said. “Particularly our journalism schools. Our job is to research and convey knowledge, not to profit. Why not move current events into that sphere and make it part of our mission?”

Another way higher ed could get involved, Kane said, is to document and report the biases of the country's news outlets, effectively giving each outlet a rating that people could use when considering how credible its reporting is. “Some of my colleagues have done a good job of figuring

out how to quantify bias of news sources,” he said. “To the extent we can compare, there's an ingenious way of identifying underlying bias.”

Then again, said Kane, who also studies emerging technologies, you could eventually remove people from the equation and let the algorithms evolve to the point where they can determine which outlets are trustworthy, the better to filter out the garbage. “Artificial intelligence is going to be a major player in the next ten years,” he said. “We'll be able to use algorithms to assess a news organization's bias. That's the first step.”

Ultimately, the fault is not in our media or technology, but in ourselves. Somewhere in the vast wilds of the internet, the facts we need and want are out there—but we must first want to find them. Even those almighty social media algorithms are just reflections of our own personal biases. So how do you make people care?

The COVID-19 pandemic has upended much of what we thought we knew about our country, and it's fair to wonder whether the crisis might spark a demand for a return to objective truth and information. A CBS News poll conducted during the pandemic showed that 88 percent of people trusted medical professionals and 82 percent trusted the Centers for Disease Control, compared with just 44 percent who trusted President Trump.

For her part, the noted BC historian Heather Cox Richardson believes that, virus or no, we are nearing a turning point in the war over truth that began long before Trump came onstage. And the outcome might well be determined by whether or not the reasonable majority can look past their personal politics, tap into our shared natural curiosity as human beings, and understand that, deep down, we have an innate need for the truth. “The ideologues will never be convinced that they're wrong,” Richardson said. “But I hear all the time that ‘We're all so divided now.’ That has been true for a generation and no one has been paying attention. It's my view that people are starved for facts.” ■

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The Boston College Alumni Association Board of Directors and the Alumni Relations team would like to sincerely thank Kevin McLaughlin '78 for his remarkable leadership and service to the University and our alumni community. During his three-year term as president of the Alumni Board of Directors and previous years as a volunteer leader, Kevin exemplified what it means to be an Eagle through endless service to others within the Boston College community. Kevin led with his heart and continuously went above and beyond the call of duty as board president. It's truly been an honor and a privilege to work alongside Kevin in this capacity, and I look forward to his ongoing involvement with the BCAA."

LEAH M. DECOSTA,
Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations



With Kevin, engagement is a goal and a value, which made it an honor to serve with him. Look at the recognition of new affinity groups, or how the board itself has become a more visible channel, or new ways to connect with the global BC community. It's quite a legacy. Thank you!"

ILEANA JIMENEZ
GARCIA '87

Vice President,
Alumni Board of
Directors



A man for others! Unfailing energetic and optimistic, Kevin challenges us to do more, do it better, and do it with joy. My hope today is that Kevin puts aside humility for a moment and celebrates the enormous legacy he is leaving behind: so many accomplishments, each of them a seed that will grow for a generation to come!"

ERIC J. SILVA '00
Vice President, Alumni
Board of Directors



Kevin has the utmost passion for Boston College and for connecting our University mission with the alumni community. Kevin has expanded our affinity networks, traveled to support local chapters, and hosted his own events to foster alumni engagement. Kevin epitomizes the spirit of "Ever to Excel." Thank you for your BC leadership, and Go Eagles!"

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1948

Paul Lannon's granddaughter, Kate Christos, received an astonishing 28 scholarship offers to play lacrosse on recruitment day, September 1, 2019. She is a junior at Madison High School in Madison, New Jersey. She chose San Diego State. She was their number one pick. Her brother, Andy, is the second-highest basketball scorer in Madison High School history and is headed to Penn State. • After serving the Class of 1948 for nearly 25 years, Timothy Buckley, MBA'62, has stepped down from the role of class correspondent as of the start of 2020. Please submit any future class notes directly to the Alumni Association at classnotes@bc.edu.

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1949

John J. "Jack" Coffey, JD'58, passed away in January 2016, and his name was missed in the obituary section from that year's *Boston College Magazine*. Jack was the husband of the late Jacqueline (Kendrigan), who died in 2018. He also left three children: John J. (and his wife, Patricia) of Lowell; Susan (and her husband Amir Lashgari) of Quincy; and James (and his wife, Patricia) of Milton. Born in Boston and raised in Milton, Jack was a Triple Eagle—a graduate of BC High, BC, and BC Law School. He served in the Marine Corps during World War II, where he fought in the South Pacific, in the Battle of Okinawa. A former assistant attorney general for Massachusetts and member and chairman of the Transportation Committee, he retired in 1985 as general counsel of the MBTA. An avid runner and member of the L St. Brownies, he was also a former coach and past president of the Milton American Little League.

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1950 70TH REUNION

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NC 1950–1953 70TH REUNION (1950)

Sadly, I have news of the death in April 2019 of Joseph Conlan, husband of Louise Lynch Conlan NC'53. Joe came into Louise's life earlier than other "future husbands," so we had the benefit of his friendship and good cheer. Please keep Louise and her family in your prayers. • Word has come of the death of Nancy Hurley Quinn NC'53, who passed away in July 2019. As most of you will remember, Nancy really never sat still. She was involved with tennis,

skiing, sailing, and golf. We go back many years sailing together in Hull. Please keep her husband, Leigh, and her family in your prayers.

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1951

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1952

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1953

Paul Lanzillotta wrote in with several updates about what he has been doing since 1953 now that he is retiring. Upon his BC graduation, he was commissioned as an artillery officer and headed to Fort Sill, where, after months of training, Uncle Sam sent him and friends John Gravalles, John W. Buckley, Bill Burke, Kevin Gallimore, Art Leary, and Paul Shield to Germany for two years. After his Army service, he joined the federal government as an auditor for the General Accounting Office in Washington, D.C., and received his law degree from Georgetown University. He traveled from Canada to Florida, doing audit work not only in the U.S., but also in the Caribbean. Following his graduation from Georgetown, he was offered an opportunity to establish a trust department at First Virginia Bank. He ended up working for 34 years as the senior trust officer. He then joined Manning & Murray, a highly regarded law firm in Virginia. His original thought was to work there for five years or so and then retire. However, as a result of his liking estate planning, meeting with clients, and helping them and their families, he ended up working for 21 years and is just now retiring. Along the way, Paul married Ann Gallagher in 1959, and they have three children: Mary Katherine, Susan Elizabeth, and John Paul. Paul writes: "Ann and I have been blessed with over 60 years of marriage. In my early remarks, I brought up the names of our BC men who have died, and we can add Paul Shield. I would see the above on our Florida trips for almost 10 years." Paul also recalled Nicholas "Hick" LaFauci, who he hopes is doing well, as well as Joseph Tower and Joe DeSalvo, who have passed away, and was "looking forward to hearing news from our Neenan and related groups." • John Cheney, a Korean War veteran, is the father of Michelle Cheney '77 and uncle of Kelly Mahoney '20. He has been a member of the Neenan Society for years. He is a student at UMass Boston at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, taking classes in opera, Shakespeare, and poetry. He writes that he is "actually a published poet." John is also a member of the Friends of the Rockland (Massachusetts) Memorial Library and the

Rockland Cultural Council. He has been an active member of Trinity Church in Boston for 30 years. • Tom Smith writes that he is “slowly getting used to life in a retirement community in Sarasota, Florida. No children, no dogs, no yard signs, etc., does take some adjustment. Great house and neighbors. Closer to several family members. We’ll make it.”

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1954

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NC 1954

I’m sorry to open this column again with some very sad news. Lucille Joy Becker died on October 29, 2019, in Connecticut. Lucille was the wife of the late James Becker Jr. The mother of three children, she also leaves five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The following reflections on her life are from the obituary published in *The Connecticut Post* on November 10, 2019: Lucille was a graduate of St. Ann’s Parochial School (Bridgeport), the Convent of the Sacred Heart (Greenwich), and Newton College of the Sacred Heart. She also held a JD from Fordham University Law School and an LLM from Georgetown University Law Center, and she later attended Housatonic College, studying in its Continuing Studies English Concentration (2010–2014). A lifelong champion of justice, Lucille worked in the civil rights division of the U.S. Department of Justice in the late 1950s and as an attorney for Legal Aid in the 1960s and 1970s and in private practice until the late 1990s. She worked at the U.S. Supreme Court as a congressional liaison and participated in several lawsuits that made precedent law in the area of stockholder derivative class actions. She was an adjunct professor of law at Sacred Heart University. Also active in her community, she volunteered for many years at the Thomas Merton House, helped in the creation of Isiah House, and was a lay minister at Bridgeport Prison. She was an advocate for the elderly, serving as a Connecticut ombudsman. Lucille lived her faith as a participant in the charismatic Cursillo movement in the 1970s, as a longtime member of St. Theresa’s Church in Trumbull, and as an active practitioner of Christian meditation for most of her life. Her beautiful smile and quick and heartfelt laugh will be sorely missed by the many who loved her. Please keep Lucille and her family in your prayers.

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1955

65TH REUNION

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NC 1955

65TH REUNION

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1956

James Melloni writes that he is obliged to “hobble around with a cane” since tearing his oblique tendons, but feels fortunate to have a physical therapist close by in Somerville, who is assisting him in regaining his strength. He writes: “I am trying to get around and have purchased some tickets for a BSO performance in April. They are doing a Ravel piece that I enjoy. I did hear from Jim Hart, who came from Somerville. He is living near the Cape area, and he and his wife are enjoying retirement. I also meet monthly at a restaurant in Medford with a group of former West Enders and BC High graduates, and we enjoy discussing the latest happenings.” • This past November, John Boyle Jr. received the Cheverus Medal for service to the Archdiocese of Boston. • Pauline McDonough Ryan went to Israel in February 2020 for a pilgrimage to Holy Land sites with Holy Trinity choir members from Harwich.

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NC 1956

Gail O’Donnell, RSCJ, MDiv’80, officiated at the wedding of her sister Bridget’s son, Christopher Mudge, to Danette Flint in Keene, New Hampshire, on August 10, 2019.

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1957

Thomas Johnson’s first book, a memoir monograph entitled *The Downsizing Septology: Poems from the Modern American Organization* (Cape Cod Publishing, 2019) appeared in August. It contains a description of Thomas’s being targeted for removal from a long-term position. He wrote seven poems while undergoing that downsizing event over two decades ago. The book is available on Apple Books, at Barnes and Noble, and through several other booksellers. Thomas and his wife, Bev, had a wonderful 60th wedding anniversary with their extended family (19 of them) in Paris and Tuscany. Now, he is headed back to Cape Cod to write and read—the retirement payoff! • Barbara Higgins Cosgrove writes that a minireunion was held at Strawberry Fair Restaurant in Norwell on November 7, 2019. Present were Lill Kaseta Callahan, Barbara Higgins Cosgrove, Anne Gagnon Moran MS’61, and Marillyn Wilson Smith. Barbara also spoke with Nancy Bradley Chandler and Anne O’Neil Madaus, MED’78. Barbara would love to hear from others. • Bill Cullinane writes: “Bev and I are still enjoying retirement in Chatham.

We are both involved in community activities, including volunteering for First Night Chatham and serving as members of the Chatham Cultural Council, the Chatham Human Services Committee, and Historic Chatham. Our grandchildren have moved on. Isabel Cullinane will graduate this year from William & Mary and St. Andrews; her twin brother, Liam, is at a community college; Gabe Cullinane completed his nursing degree at AIC and is working as a nurse at Hartford Hospital; and his brother, Burke, is married to Jennifer Dodge. Jennifer is a nurse at Hartford Hospital, while Burke is a co-owner of a video production company.”

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NC 1957

From Molly McHugh O’Grady: “2019 was a sad year for me. I lost my younger brother last March and twin brother this past September, both to cancer. I’m in good health, though, still volunteering at Rotacare and singing in the church choir. And of course playing lots of bridge.” • Another loss to report is the passing of Cathy Connolly Beatty’s husband, Paul, JD’66, in early January. Paul was a loyal Newton spouse these many years, playing a major role in reunions as well as the Boston community at large. Together Cathy and Paul hosted many classmates in their Beacon Hill apartment as Cathy entertained us for years with her lovely voice. She has moved to Fox Hill Village retirement community in Westwood and would love to hear from you. • Barbara Lowe Eckel, MSW’59, came through with uplifting news of travel: Israel and Jordan, then New Orleans and Montreal for weddings, Eastern Europe, and three trips to her island home of Jamaica (alas, twice for funerals). Wow! In Hungary, she remembered Dr. Von Nemethy, who introduced his classes to his beloved country, from which he escaped by skiing over the Alps with his infant son on his back. He also introduced the girls to Wiener schnitzel and borscht and to solar energy at his Dover home. We share Barbara’s pride in her daughter’s promotion to CEO of Genesco in Nashville as its first female president in 75 years. Her daughter, Mimi Eckel Vaughn, graduated from Georgetown and Harvard but will need our prayers, says Barbara, for the challenges a retail business is facing today. • Our loyal reporter Joan Hanlon Curley sent fun news from Naples, Florida. The local BC alumni club (including Newton grads) planned to march in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade, with a bus provided for non-walkers! [Unfortunately, the parade was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.] Joan attends the annual luncheon of Sacred Heart schools with fellow Newtonite Bonnie Walsh Stoloski NC’59 and serves as an official greeter when BC’s president speaks at the Lincoln Reagan dinner at the Ritz-Carlton. • Margy Craig Sheehy has moved from

California to a retirement home in Washington, D.C., to be closer to her family and sister Helen. • Hometown news from your secretary (**Connie Weldon LeMaitre**): I became the "Mother of the Groom" (oldest ever?) when my bachelor son married in February. He went halfway around the globe to finally find the right woman. She is from Australia and just became a U.S. citizen at a very moving ceremony.

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1958

The last luncheon at Wianno was in August 2019, and a big thank-you goes out to Marilyn and Jim Quinn for securing this great venue for the past 20 years. It was great to see Cecilia Canniff Doherty and her sister Carol, from Alaska, and Vincent and Betty (Cook) DiMilla, who recently moved from Sagamore Beach to Linden Ponds and are enjoying the change. It was nice talking to Dave and Eileen (Teahan) Quigley; Paul and Moira (Feeley) Lyons; Marjorie and Paul Hannigan CAES'80, who recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary; and Tony '59 and Bea (Capraro) Busa, who recently ran into Jackie and Jack Kudzma MBA'70 and George Riosco at the Boston beer gardens during the football season. • In sharing news about our accomplishments, we heard from Marian Bernardini DeLollis, who completed a five-month task of digitizing photos, by year, from 22 family albums from 1965 to 2002, when she went digital. She transferred the photos to DVDs as Christmas presents for her children—Karen '88 and Mark McLean '88, Stephen, and Lien—and her two grandsons, Grayson McLean (8) and Ethan DeLollis (5). Now Marian is digitizing select photos from her travel albums from visits to six continents, 33 countries, and 50 states. • Also on the Wianno scene were Mike Daley; Dick Simons; Sheldon Daly; Elaine Gilmore (widow of Edward Gilmore); Eileen McCarthy Plunkett MS'63, PhD'91; and Jim Quinn. Later, we talked to Marilyn and Leo McCarthy; Dot and Tom Pickette; Dot and Frederick "Pete" Steeves MBA'72, who also accompanied 18 alumni on BC Beyond's Enchanting Tour of Ireland; Betty and Mike Grady; Jackie and Jack Kudzma; and Joyce and Paul Maney MBA'66. I will continue my comments on Wianno in the next issue. • As of this writing, I understand Bea Capraro Busa's Florida luncheon is still up and running. Thanks, Bea. • Just before heading to Florida, Dotty Tully, MA'65, met with Mary Bryson, Maggie Molloy Vasaturo, and me (Joan Downing Lachance) for lunch. It was great to eat and chat. • I am sure you all meet class friends for different activities, so drop a line and let us know. • Jack Dillon dropped a line. He now lives in Leesburg, Florida, and wishes us his best. • I am giving up my tenure as class correspondent, writing this column, so please give me a call or email me if you would like to take over. I'd love to hear from you. • I have some sad news to report. I just heard that Maureen Sullivan Bader passed away on

January 29. She had retired in 2000 and lived on Cape Cod since 2013. **Denise O'Brien Dunn**, who worked so hard on our 50th yearbook, also passed away, on February 2. Please remember in your prayers Maureen and Denise as well as our classmates. Peace.
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NC 1958

Several classmates escaped the winter blues in Florida. Sheila Hurley Canty and her husband, John, enjoy Venice, Florida, and invite anyone in the area to please look them up at the Jetty Villas, Tarpon Center Drive. • Having spent too many winters in Maine, Rhoda Ackerson Weyr and her husband, Fred, took off for Florida in December and went on to California to visit their two daughters who live there. While many in LA complained about the cold 62-degree weather, Rhoda was happy to miss the 16 inches of snow in Maine. • Anne DeFazio Berra continues to enjoy year-round gardening in Florida. She watches national politics with interest, and sometimes dismay, and looks forward to a visit in March from her cousin, Representative Peter DeFazio of Oregon. Anne continues taking noncredit courses at the College of Central Florida and is currently studying the history and epidemiology of the bubonic plague. • Jo Kirk Cleary and her husband, Billy, didn't feel the need to leave town this year as Mother Nature was kind to them with little or no snow, and for several years in a row, no skating on the river. They traveled to Florida in March, however, for a week to watch preseason college baseball as their third grandson is a pitcher for Yale. • Marge George Vis reports from Michigan that 2019 was a year of several health challenges capped by a fall and a break in her left femur while getting Christmas dinner on the table. She appreciates all prayers and sends her prayers for a happy, safe, and healthy 2020 for all. • Julie Saver Reusch shares the sad news of the death of her oldest son, Michael, last November. We send Julie our deepest sympathies. Michael had a tumor on his spine removed but developed an infection that spread to his brain. Twenty-four family members traveled to Dallas for his funeral. Michael leaves his beautiful wife and four children, ages 8, 15, 18, and 19. • Kate Glutting Arcand, Mary Azzara Archdeacon, and Mary Keating McKell often check in by phone to renew and strengthen strong Sacred Heart friendships. • MJ Eagan English, MED'59, sends a big high five to all her NCSH friends. She thinks of them often and fondly. • The Schorrs look forward to a trip to Bermuda in June to celebrate the 30th anniversary of their son David and his wife, Maggie; the second anniversary of granddaughter Carolyn and her husband, Andrew; and the 60th anniversary of grandparents Pete and Nancy Greene—all on the same day, June 23.

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1959

These notes are being written in Sarasota, Florida, in February. We're here for the winter. In years past, I resisted the idea. "That's for old people," I said, but time changes everything, doesn't it? "Count my blessings, and ignore the rest of it" is my new motto. Here's the news. • Jim Butler, of nearby Venice, forwarded news of the death of classmate Ted Shea, of Jaffrey, New Hampshire, formerly of Stoneham and North Cambridge, on January 22. Ted served in the Navy after graduation and lived in the Jaffrey area with his wife, Elizabeth, raising three children. He was an executive in several local businesses and active in civic affairs, a past president of the Lions Club and the Chamber of Commerce, and recipient of the New Hampshire Lumber Person of the Year Award in 2002. He was also a Eucharistic minister, a life well lived. • Classmate Charlie Battaglia, our class's answer to James Bond, reports that he's finally retired after 25 years in the Navy, 8 with the CIA, and 10 with the U.S. Senate. His new gig is as an Uber driver for grandkids' hockey practices and games in the Alexandria, Virginia, area. • Connell School of Nursing alumna Kay O'Donnell Nilan Richardson, of Milton, reports the death of her brother and our classmate John "Jack" O'Donnell on January 26. Condolences to his wife, Ann, their seven children, and Kay. Kay told me that she and Jack weren't twins, not even "Irish twins," but attending BC together was unusual, maybe the only brother-sister combination in our class? • Send your notes, contact a classmate, brighten your day. If you need contact info, I've got it.

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NC 1959

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1960

60TH REUNION

Congratulations to all members of the Class of 1960 on the 60th anniversary of our graduation from Boston College—'60/60! • I heard from John Thompson. He is still active in multiple organizations in the Braintree area, including AARP, and leads the photography and walking groups at the Braintree Elder Affairs center. He also serves in leadership roles in several veterans groups, including the Boston chapter of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, the Korean War Veterans Association, and the Braintree Veterans Council. Thank you, John, for still serving. • I am saddened to report the February passing of Double Eagle James "Jim" Savage III of Waban, who grew up in

Everett. An attorney, Jim helped earn his BC degree by working for several local milk companies. • In October, we also lost Tom Keough, basketball coach at Holliston High School for 32 years and member of the Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. According to classmate Jim Drummey, after Tom's funeral Mass, several of his former players approached members of the family on the sidewalk, high-fived them, and said: "Good game!" • The names of other class members whom we lost earlier in the year are noted at the end of the Class Notes section. • Vin Failla recently retired after 53 years serving the community of Waltham as a general dentist. Having been honored by the mayor and the city council for his many years in the community, he is enjoying this next chapter of his life with Peggy, his wife of 55 years, and his family. Vin has also served for many years as our class treasurer. • *Sláinte.*

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NC 1960

60TH REUNION

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1961

Peter Mullen writes: "As a Boston College grad living in the shadow of the golden dome of Notre Dame for the last 50 years, I was inducted into the South Bend Community Hall of Fame; joining other hall-of-famers Knute Rockne, Fr. Ted Hesburgh, and others has been a great honor. As, perhaps, the only BC grad so honored, I have expressed my love for BC and the Jesuits for 50 years in South Bend to all with whom I have interacted. And all the Notre Dame people have been more than gracious to me (except during football season). I have interviewed over 50 young grads who have had a desire [to attend] BC, and many have gone on to graduate. Go BC, beat ND!"

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NC 1961

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1962

Greetings, classmates! • Joyce Francis McDevitt and Patricia Stabile Marma spent three beautiful, sunny days together in Fort Lauderdale, where Patty lives year-round. • Betsey and George Grant are moving to the Cape after 42 years in Canton. They plan to be in Naples for the winter months and in May to return to Barnstable and the Cummaquid Golf Club. • Vicki and George Killgoar are doing well. A March trip to their condo in Estero, Florida, provided time to see Mary and Frank Marszalek

and Kaye and Kenneth Gnazzo. George often hears from Gerald Dyer, MEd'66 (in North Carolina), as well as John Sayers (in Connecticut). George continues to practice law every day at Hennessy & Killgoar. • Over Thanksgiving and Christmas, Ronald Reilly traveled to visit family in Virginia and was pleased to find all was well. He was on the move again in February, traveling to Las Vegas. His son will be celebrating his 50th birthday, and Ron wants to surprise him! Ron has another surprise planned, this time for his son-in-law—tickets to see the Cavaliers play the Golden Knights. • As of this writing, First-Friday noontime lunch at the BC Club for Class of '62 grads is alive and well. Email Bonnie (bonnie.david@barings.com) for updates. • After a tour of the new exhibit at the McMullen Museum arranged by William Lundregan, JD'67, Paul Deeley and his wife, Maureen, hosted classmates at their home to a delicious luncheon and animated conversation. Present were Rosemary (Thomas) '65 and John MacKinnon, William Lundregan, John Shea, Ronald Dyer, Samuel Fardy, Mary Hallisey McNamara NC'62, Frank and Eileen Faggiano, and, of course, Paul and Maureen. • We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of the following classmates, who passed away during this past year. Helen Poirier, SUSC, MA'68, used her BS undergraduate and MA (in English) degrees to instruct others. Albert D'Ercole attained the rank of lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and moved on to work as a computer systems engineer for IBM and later as director of data processing at Papa Gino's Corp. He leaves his wife, Nancy. After military service, Thomas Clinton, JD'68, was a founding partner of Clinton & Muzyka. He leaves his wife, Ann. Mary Horgan, SP, spent 66 years in religious life teaching nursing and working as director of pastoral care at Mount Saint Vincent Nursing Home. A friend to many at the Lynch School of Education and Human Development, Elizabeth "Betty" Strain passed away in December. • We wish you good health and joy-filled days. Please call or email.

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NC 1962

VV Martin wrote that she has recovered from her knee replacement and continues to stay very active in Palm Desert, California. She is a member of the local DAR and the Zonta Club of Redlands and enjoys two book clubs, to which Joanna Bertsch Yaukey (whom we lost in April 2019) introduced her, helping her make many friends. "I am continuing with much music—church choir, cantor occasionally for the music director at a local Catholic church. I'm also playing and singing for local nursing homes and nonprofit organizations." • Mary Ann Brennan Keyes reports that Christmas in her family is usually spent with her 13 grandchildren and their parents. All three of

her children are BC grads. Her oldest granddaughter, BC'09, is married to a young man from France, and it was his year to be with his family. So, Mary Ann was asked to join her daughter's family for Christmas in the French Alps. She writes: "It was a treat, but it killed me not to be on the slopes with everyone." • Kitsy Cavanaugh Fogarty's daughter, Suzanne, has just been appointed head of the Chapin School in New York City. She is presently head of the Lincoln School in Providence, a position she has held for five years. • Marsha Whelan was excited to call me to say that she is five years cancer-free. We all need to hear good news these days! • Anne Gallagher Murphy is heading to Siesta Key, Florida, along with many other snowbirds. Marie Sullivan Gorman, who celebrated Christmas with her family in Siesta Key, Holley Hicok Schroeder, and Kathy Mahoney Guilmette, who has just moved to independent living in Venice, Florida, are looking forward to seeing Anne and husband Joe. • I had a great visit with Penny Whelan Kirk Scheideler, MEd'75, CAES'81, who has downsized to a wonderful condo in Needham, where she has lots of family and friends nearby. • Grace Kane Kelly has moved from Cape Cod to Hackettstown, New Jersey, to a lovely independent living place, which is much closer to her family. • I had a long chat with Mary Ellen McShane Troy, who got me through Constitutional History before our full day of American History comps. And, if I remember, that was one of four days of history comps. Our grandchildren have no idea how tough college used to be! Mary Ellen often has luncheons with Peggy Kugler McLaughlin and Alice Hurley Dickinson, who also live in the Minneapolis area. • As more and more of us downsize, please send me your contact info so I can keep our class list updated!

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1963

Bill Gavin is coauthor of *Pick Up Your Own Brass: Leadership the FBI Way* (Potomac Books, 2011), which describes 50 important leadership lessons based on career challenges FBI officials have faced. It is intended to help anyone—from established leaders to "accidental executives" who find themselves (as Bill did) managing more than they imagined—build a culture of leadership. • Wonderful news: Dave Kelley, after surgery and arduous rehab, is now back home in Hull and feeling healthier. Feel better, Dave! • Dunwoody, Georgia's Jack DeVeer is president of the Technical College Foundation Association of Georgia, capping 10 years of charitable activism and aiding technical education in Georgia. He assists advancement officers for 22 state technical colleges, who raise funds and help over 300,000 students enrolled in technical schools. • The 19th Annual Veterans Mass and Remembrance Ceremony took place on BC's main campus last November. Alums who died in combat were remembered individually; after each

was named, an alum stood and solemnly intoned: "I will stand for those Boston College alumni who made the ultimate sacrifice, in defense of our country, in (name of war)." Veterans **John Levis**, **Mike Neri**, **Tom Quirk**, and **Ed Rae** attended this very special and moving event. The ceremony was followed by a light lunch over which Ed and Mike traded stories of their lifelong love of baseball from childhood, recalling the departure of the Boston Braves from Beantown in 1953, playing pitcher, batter, and catcher themselves as kids, and continuing into the 1960s when during Army duty, as a lieutenant at Fort Knox, Ed formed a fast-pitch league. • Gridiron guy **Bob Smith** lives in picturesque Cape Charles, Virginia—ACC country. He has been married for 55 years to "Miss PSU" and now has nine grandkids. A varsity athlete at BC, Bob now enjoys rowing—which demands he work out strenuously on single scull. He continues to follow the BC Eagles and also loves watching his "grands" excel at sports. • Marion and Art Ross are proud to report news of their children: Daughter Nina is a successful realtor, and her husband is an automotive consultant; son Chris won a track scholarship to Notre Dame, went on to receive his master's in business and science, and is now an IT business consultant. Marion earned her PhD and worked with the FBI. Art enjoys good health, four grandkids, and travel: he recently took in the vastness of the Southwest on a trip to Kingwood, Texas. •

Continuing their many philanthropic endeavors, in December, Eileen '66, MSW'95, and Jack Connors, H'07, co-chaired the Mass General Cancer Center's CenterStage gala at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, raising \$2.5 million. Kudos, Jack and Eileen!

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NC 1963

Pam Hitchens Mordecai continues her literature-filled life. She recently recorded her book of short stories, *Pink Icing*, for audiobooks. *A Fierce Green Place*, her newest book of poetry, is off to the publisher, and she is working on the third volume of her series, *de Book of Joseph*, about the lives of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Mother Maguire would be pleased! • **Margie Reiley Maguire** says she's had a dull year and then mentions having seen **Mary Alma Bogert Connell**, **Connie Schepp Cahill**, **Blitz Friday Leahy**, and **Jo Egan Maguire**, MA'72, in Florida last winter and then seeing **Meg Finegan Schmid**, **Zita Hall Seher**, and **Barbara Mozino Seegul** at their 60th reunion from Overbrook (now Bryn Mawr). All this was followed by a 10-day driving trip through Scotland—behind the wheel! • **Jim and Suzy (Bell) Trowbridge** have moved into a new place in Pennington, New Jersey, not far from Princeton where they'd lived for years. Two of their sons live close by, and two others

are not far off, so they get to see lots of their nine grandchildren—five girls and four boys, ranging from 20 months to 16 years. What fun! • **Kathy McHale Mulherin** had a nice long chat with **Carol Donovan Levis**, bringing her up to date. Kathy is now retired from Kaiser Permanente but retains several patients in her therapeutic practice. Kathy has never backed away from a challenge: she now has Parkinson's disease and soldiers on. • **Delie Conley Flynn**, MEd'70, went to St. Croix for a winter break, **Carol Donovan Levis** and **John** will be in Florida for a getaway, and **Maureen Meehan O'Leary** is just back from a glorious trip to Costa Rica. What is it about the northeast winter which causes this flight?

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1964

Jim Spillane, S.J., MA'68, MDiv'76, reports from Mwanza, Tanzania, that his university parish recently received a live goat in the weekly collection. "We had it slaughtered and have enjoyed its delicious meat," he said. Jim is on the economics faculty at the local Catholic University, where he is leading a program studying African tourism. • **Bob Fuicelli** writes from the Denver suburb of Aurora that he plays 12-string guitar in a local band. Bob has three kids and nine grandchildren nearby. He maintains his golf game by playing in "casual snow." • Each year, a group of

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classmates gather at a different New England city to celebrate the new year. This year it was the Stage Neck Inn at York Harbor, Maine, that hosted Jane and **Bob Bent**, Geri and **Bill Collins** MA'67, Susan and **Arthur Doyle** MAT'66, Therese '65 and **Bill Flynn**, Marilyn and **Joe Gilboy**, and Susan and **Bill Maffie**. • Three of the trendiest restaurants in the Boston area all belong to Kristin Canty '87, who is **Chuck Clough's** daughter. They are Woods Hill Table and Adelita in Concord and Woods Hill Pier 4 in the Seaport District.

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NC 1964

Jacqueline Therrien Soltys writes: "Since my last update, I continue to go from Cape Cod to winters in Delray Beach, Florida. I also went to Spain four years ago. My son is a scout for the Calgary Flames and GM of junior "A" team L/A Nordiques in Lewiston, Maine. I hate the cold and he hates the heat! I am a daily communicate stemming from the Madame of the Sacred Heart's influence."

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1965

55TH REUNION

Robert Cole was at Whitman-Hanson Regional High School for 34 years, serving as department chair for 15 years, and then taught modern European history at Bridgewater State for 9 years. He coauthored a book, *Activities for Teaching Russian and Soviet Studies in the High School* (Social Science Education Consortium, 1993), with Harvard's Janet Valiant. He helped write *The Concord Review's A Teacher's Guide to the Research Paper*. A prolific writer, he has completed almost 100 articles and features—a number in the *New England Journal of History* and one in an academic journal of the University of Orel in Russia. He has also done some work for the Winston S. Churchill Center in Washington, D.C. Bob also has written a book of poetry called *The Speaking Tree*. He has been married to wife Joanne for 54 years, and they have two daughters and four grandchildren. Classmate **Jim Huse**, godfather to his eldest, remains his "bro," his best friend. • In fall 2018, Judy and **Doug LaBrecque** took all seven of their adult children and spouses to Italy, renting a villa in the Tuscan countryside just outside Siena for a week. They visited the small hill towns, went wine tasting, and had wonderful dinners out and at their villa. Doug and Judy have four grandchildren in college—two at Notre Dame, one at the University of Colorado in Boulder, and one at the University of Washington in Seattle. Doug is pleased to announce the inaugural presentation of the now annual Douglas R. LaBrecque Lectureship in Hepatology at the University of Iowa. Doug and Judy were

looking forward to seeing some fellow classmates in Naples, Florida, this winter, including Olivia and **Steve Bowers**, who were planning to visit them for the St. Patrick's weekend festivities.

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NC 1965

55TH REUNION

Felicia "Flix" Boxmann McKnight writes: "I've decided that at 75, one can either retire or inspire! So, I am still practicing as a Jungian spiritual director and am a delighted grandma of four, almost five."

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1966

Don Perreault of Avon, Connecticut, shares a recent BC connection. While attending family reunions at the Acadian World Congress in New Brunswick, Canada, with his brother Roger '63, Don had a chance encounter with Michael Melanson, author of two books on the Melanson family, and a nice chat with Rhéal Cormier, former Canadian-born southpaw for the Red Sox. • **Tony Scully** of Camden, South Carolina, alerted us that his new book of poetry, *A Carolina Psalter*, has been published by Wipf & Stock Publishers and is available on Amazon. • If anyone would like to take over the role of class correspondent for the Class of 1966, please reach out to Diane Connor or classnotes@bc.edu.

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NC 1966

Kathy Brosnan Dixon was awarded first place in photography by the Duxbury Art Association in 2019 for her photograph *On the Street in Havana, Cuba*. • Condolences to **Carolyn Cassin-Driscoll**, whose husband, Jack, died in November 2019 at the age of 91. Jack had spent 40 years with the Chicago Board of Trade, and until recent years was active in sailing, skiing, and tennis. His obituary says that Jack was "a quiet, sweet family man with a quick wit and an amicable personality." He will be missed by all those of us who had the pleasure of knowing him. • In prior issues, I asked you to write in and submit your favorite book club books from the last three years. In the fall issue, I posted suggestions from several of you—here are some more: **Judy Mullen Connorton** suggested *A Confederacy of Dunces* by John Kennedy Toole, *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles, and *The Last Days of Night* by Graham Moore. **Dina Cockerill Burke** couldn't limit herself to three, so I'm listing here the first three she suggested, and I'll follow next time with more: *The Tsar of Love and Techno* by Anthony Marra, *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles, and *The Moonflower Vine* by Jetta Carleton.

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1967

I recently heard from **Joe Alves**, now of Clinton, Connecticut. Joe was an economics major originally from Bridgeport. He served as a firefighter until his retirement. Joe recently met up with Neil "Kim" **Murphy**, a history major, now living in Bristol. Kim is a law partner in Murphy, Laudati, Kiel & Rattigan, of Farmington. They ran into each other while in Old Saybrook and were planning to meet for lunch soon so that they can talk about their college days and mutual friends. Joe says he occasionally comes to a BC football game with **Tommy Walsh**, MEd'68, who lives in Essex. • **Rob Wilde** and **Dick Powers** represented BC at the funeral and memorial service for BC great **Larry Eisenhauer** '61, held recently in Jupiter, Florida. Their remarks were both humorous and spot-on. • **John Keenan**, of Medford, wrote: "Just an FYI, my very good friend, **Jim 'Fuzzy' Selvitella**, had a bone marrow transplant at the end of October for his blood cancer, and as of February 7, he is progressing fabulously. He received a very good report, and, although he still has a long way to go, he is very happy with his progress." • By the time you read these notes, we will be free of the winter and into summer sunshine, and our classmate snowbirds will have returned like the Swallows of Capistrano. The news is sparse because the mailbox is empty, so let us hear from you! Onward and upward, mighty classmates!

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NC 1967

This year began with news from **Marilyn Santos Velayo** in the Philippines. Her home is roughly 87 miles north of Taal Volcano, which erupted back in January. Maria and husband Ronnie were fine, but their neighborhood was covered with ash that turned to mud when hosed down for cleaning up. The ash created breathing issues for those with health conditions, even in Maria's area. Maria's greatest concern was for the people living closer to the eruption whose livelihoods and homes were destroyed. When her news spread among our classmates, Maria fielded many sympathetic messages of support and prayers. • One message from **Jane DeNicola-Tetzlaff** reported her family connection to another international disaster. Jane's youngest son is in Melbourne and was dealing with the ash and smoke of the fires plaguing Australia. • Other NC'67 news was of a couple of celebrations: **Noreen Connolly** is reveling in the arrival of another grandchild. Now it is two grandsons in California and a granddaughter in New Jersey. Noreen writes: "I am finally well into grandmother territory." She is anticipating many occasions to play with her grands. • **Mike '66** and **Jill (Shipway) Roy** enjoyed their

50th anniversary in July 2019 at Bass Lake near Yosemite. Three children and their spouses plus eight grandchildren were part of the fun. Mike and Jill do lots of skiing, biking, hiking, and kayaking—life is good there in California! • Yet others are traveling: Richard and Anne (Caswell) Prior cruised to Bermuda last year (seems I recall Anne going to Bermuda one spring break in the 1960s; guess she likes it there). This June, she's heading to Switzerland and to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau. • Donna Shelton was cruising the Danube last spring, then headed north of Bucharest to visit "our" orphanage. She and husband Frank coordinate American donations to the Pro Vita Orphanage program and assist those in Romania working with the government to provide housing, job training, and other needs in that area. This trip, Donna took craft materials to help some of the clients learn to create greeting cards. Donna is also very active with her grandkids: the oldest is a freshman at JMU, and the youngest is 6. (Sometimes I see them passing through the middle school where I still substitute—small world!) • So, what are you doing? Our next column is not until late fall; write anyway and I will try to share in the interim. Are you on my contact lists?

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1968

Greetings, classmates. • Dan McCarthy, MEd'67, PhD'85, shared an update about his recent trip back to Senegal in West Africa, where he was a Peace Corps volunteer after graduation. He had not been back there nor had he been in contact with anyone there since 1971. He said that it was great to see the country again, even though it has developed almost beyond recognition in some areas. However, the people have not changed; they are still kind and welcoming to all. Dan went back to the school where he had taught and discovered two of his former students are now teachers there. That was an unexpected and wonderful experience and was the highlight of his return. Such an uplifting story; thanks for sharing, Dan. • Bill Plunkert and his wife, Donna, are celebrating double happiness with the arrival of their daughter Julie's son, Jacob, as well as the adoption of Isabelle by their son and his wife. Babysitting duties last fall precluded the Plunkerts' joining the current Boston College men's soccer team's invitation to celebrate BC's first varsity soccer team. Bill is still living in northern Virginia, where he continues to be spiritual director in Ignatian spirituality. • Jim Hinchey of Awendaw, South Carolina, sadly reports that he recently lost his beloved wife, Nancy, after a five-year battle with ovarian cancer. Nancy had been a school teacher for 30 years. The Hinchey had been married for 48 years. Nancy is sorely missed by Jim, their four children, and their five grandchildren. Our hearts and prayers go out to all. • Friends, it is difficult to end our column with such sad news from fellow

Eagles, but please continue to share your stories with us. Our BC Class of 1968 has always been, and continues to be, a very caring and loving community.

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NC 1968

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1969

Tim and Bitsy (Vogel) Graham share more than their mutual love and wonderful children. Tim, suffering from kidney disease, was seeking a match for a kidney transplant. After months of searching, Tim found a kidney match from Bitsy. The operation took place successfully in December 2019, and Tim and Bitsy recovered well. • Katharine O'Brien Gibb retired from the Mary Black School of Nursing at the University of South Carolina Upstate in June 2020 after five years as the school's dean and four years as interim dean. With her retirement, Katharine was named dean emeritus. • Jim O'Reilly's 53rd textbook, *Dementia and Alzheimer's: Solving the Practical and Policy Challenges* (Anthem Press, 2019), and his 54th textbook, *Healthcare Employment Practice* (Practicing Law Institute, 2020) were recently published. Jim teaches public health at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. • Susan Budassi Sheehy, PhD'10, professor in the University of Delaware's School of Nursing, was recently selected to be an honorary commander of the 166th Operations Group of the Delaware Air National Guard. Susan is a U.S. Air Force flight nurse reservist and a former U.S. Army nurse. She also serves as project director of the University of Delaware's Veterans and College Athletes Together (VCAT) program, a free health and wellness program funded and hosted by the University of Delaware's College of Health Sciences for veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. As the project director of VCAT, Susan was presented with a U.S. flag that had been flown over the coalition Forward Operating Base Union III in Baghdad, Iraq, in recognition of her outstanding work with the program. • I am sorry to report the passing of Joanne Gurry in January after a long battle with cancer. Joanne was a former assistant superintendent of schools in Arlington and a professor at Merrimack College in North Andover. Joanne had resided in Arlington.

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NC 1969

Hope you've enjoyed the last two columns on Reunion activities last May. I'm not done! Believe it or not, after a full day of busy conversing and listening, all of us had even more energy for Saturday night. We met again under the tent between Stuart

and Barat and dined with one another. Boston College provided a lovely setting and a delicious buffet. Round tables afforded conversation. None of us just sat at one table. We were up and about connecting again. A disc jockey provided music from the '60s. The dance floor was rarely empty! We danced all night. We celebrated the 50th wedding anniversaries of Ralph and Jess (Twaddle) Packard and George '69 and Pattie (Pratt) Moriarty. Both couples were married the weekend following our graduation in 1969. • Congratulations also go out to Peter and Ellie (Parks) Mullen on 50 years together, too. • The following morning, Sunday, many of us gathered again to attend a very moving liturgy in the Newton chapel. Pam DeLeo Delaney did a reading and Paula Fisher Paterson brought up the offertory gifts. During the Mass, the deceased members from our class were remembered. Pattie Pratt Moriarty read their names: Mary Auth Nietupski, Peggy Burns Ludeke, Val Clark; Kathy Curry JD'73, Donna Delahanty, Jeanne Fanelli Vallimont, Mary Fenstermacher, Jo Flynn Pouliot, Mary Pat Davis Haberle, Pat Kenny Seremet, Joan Libucha, Linda McHale Smith, Mary Ellen Murphy Costello, Laura Sperazi, Ginny Turner Lombard PhD'79, and Franny Whelan Dixon. The Mass was followed by another lovely meal. After that, it was goodbye! I personally thank all of you who attended. Your presence made the weekend! I wish each of you a wonderful 2020!

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1970

50TH REUNION

David '71 and Jane (Albano) Castiglioni, MA'04, have their first grandson! Their son, Andrew, and daughter-in-law, Judy, adopted Matthew, who was born on January 3. All family members are very happy! • Janet Cavalen Cornella recently traveled to Disney World in Orlando with her family. Her two daughters, their husbands, and four grandsons flew down for the week. She writes: "Moving 10 people around four parks was quite a challenge, but we created such fun memories. Speaking of memories, I am looking forward to our 50th college reunion. We finally reached the Golden Eagle level. "How can 50 years go by so quickly!" Janet had hoped "that many of our classmates will come back to campus to renew old friendships, retell college memories, and update each other on what's been happening in their lives." • John Nash writes: "Carol and I are still working at Franciscan Children's in Brighton, although retirement looms sometime in the relatively near future. We are still maintaining close contacts with many classmates and enjoy the friendships and social engagements that provides. Look forward to seeing everyone at our 50th reunion."

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NC 1970 50TH REUNION

Patti Bruni Keefe was looking forward to being together for our 50th reunion and the opportunities to catch up with classmates. She wrote: "Time is a treasure, so let's make this a momentous occasion of sharing our laughter and love." (Although postponed, as you now know, we can still happily anticipate gathering at a later date.) • I (Fran Dubrowski) write to share Joan Thompson Rogers and Meryl Ronnenberg Baxter's tributes to Justine Meehan Carr, who recently passed away. Joan writes: "On December 10, 2019, I lost my NCSH roommate and dear friend of 53-plus years, Justine, after her courageous battle with leukemia. Miraculously, though, she was able to celebrate her daughter Nora's beautiful wedding in Boston in October! For all who knew Justine, she will forever be a role model of strength, grace, and faith. One of her medical colleagues observed, 'Nothing is a better example of the way Justine lived her life than the way she left it.' Justine's last post on CaringBridge a week before she died noted, 'Leukemic blasts are now proliferating each day unabated. While it may seem that they have won the race, it is I who have won the last two years—being in touch with lifelong friends and new friends too, being uplifted with prayers and love, laughing hard, listening carefully, and also shedding the occasional tears. These have been the two most incredible years of my life.' Rest in peace, Justine. Please remember

in your prayers her husband, Dan; children Nora, Becca, and Andrew; and grandson Eamonn." • Meryl adds, "Justine's long illness and recent death have been just heartbreaking for me and many others! I was blessed to be in constant contact with her, visiting her and doing whatever I could to help. Justine was a remarkable, generous friend to me for over 50 years. I am privileged to be her second daughter's godmother. Justine described her husband as her rock. She was a rock for me over all the years I knew her—a source of wisdom and support, a fun and wonderful friend! My life is better and richer having had her for my friend. She is a profound loss in this life. I look forward to the Class of '70 gathering for our 50th reunion...my heart will be heavy without our dear Justine." • Justine was founding chief medical officer for Steward Health Care (successor to Caritas Christi Health Care); chaired HHS's National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics; served at Columbia Presbyterian, Mass General, and Beth Israel hospitals; and held an MD from Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons.

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1971

Jim "Rocco" Centorino, MS'75, was among those chosen to be inducted into the Boston Crusaders Drum and Bugle Corps Hall of Fame in June. He will also be recording the finishing songs of his 10th musical album

at that time. • Robert Sliney wrote in with several updates: "Cindy McCarthy, the widow of our classmate John McCarthy, was buried on February 22 after a lengthy struggle with early-onset Alzheimer's. John, one of our most loyal and active classmates, died seven years ago after battling cancer. Please remember their children, Brian and Megan '07, in your prayers. Also please remember Kate Corbett, wife of John Corbett, who passed away in October 2019 from cancer. Kate and John had their first date 51 years ago at a BC dance and were inseparable thereafter, traveling extensively and raising their two sons, Jack and Joe, in Scituate as John presided over the Juvenile Court in Brockton. On a lighter note, since retiring three years ago, I, along with classmates Jim Donoghue and John Corbett, Gerry Walsh '70, Chris Flynn '72, and Paul Horrigan '72, have enjoyed a book club meeting monthly at some of the spots around Boston before they close. We got to Doyle's a week before it closed but missed No Name! We are blessed to keep our friendships [from] back in 1967 and the Carney lounge." • Craig Froehlich writes: "My wife of 46 years, Marissa (Mulvihill) Froehlich NC'72, and I have seven wonderful grandchildren. We summer in Brookfield, Connecticut, and spend most of the winter at our home in Naples, Florida. Love our new football coach! Go, Eagles!"

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NC 1971

Dear classmates, as I type this, I am babysitting for my three-month-old granddaughter in Attleboro. Her big sister is in kindergarten, so it is just the two of us, and she's asleep. Such a peaceful Valentine's Day morning. Sadly, I have no real news to share from classmates. Our lunch group did not manage to meet in Newport in the fall, but let's push harder to get together this summer. Also, remember our 50th reunion will be next year. Please try to rally some old friends for a good turnout. If everyone in the group of 10 who met in Milford, Connecticut, last April (2019) could get two additional people to attend our reunion, that would be spectacular. Please email me contact information for folks who are interested. Until then, enjoy your travels, your hobbies, and most of all, those new grandchildren who are gracing your lives with so much wonder and helping you feel more youthful than you ever thought possible.

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1972

This year's Super Bowl provided me with another reminder of the fun I had at BC. The Kansas City Chiefs won for the first time since the 1969-70 season, when they played a game at our Alumni Stadium. I had a bird's-eye view as a Gold Key Society usher. • I've heard from several classmates since the last issue. **Rich Peterson** reports from Green Harbor that he's retired from careers in real estate and insurance. He stays in touch with **Paul Disch**, who's been a restaurant owner on the North Shore, and with **Joe Lynch**, who's been an insurance agent there. • **Michael Aube** reports that he and his family have relocated from Maine to Clermont, Florida. His son (BC'07), daughter, son-in-law, and grandchild all live there. • **Lucille Niles Walsh** writes that she and her husband, Michael, spend winters in Naples, Florida, along with friends **Robert and Jean (O'Hara) Sheridan**. Both couples are from Marshfield. • **Kathy Martin Hawkins**, a resident of Framingham who's been a teacher in Wayland, reports that she has reconnected with her college roommate, **Michelle Leary Natalizia**. Michelle is a resident of North Scituate, Rhode Island, who has taught in Providence. • **John "Mac" Regan** writes from Westerly, Rhode Island, that he's authored his second book, *The 2020 American Revolution*. He's also the chair of the Alumni Advisory Committee at Tufts University's Fletcher School and the host of an annual golf outing for his BC Radnor Hall housemates. • **Linda Breen Balfour** writes: "I was named the Massachusetts Elementary School Principal of the Year for 2019 and a National Distinguished Principal. Locally, I received the award at the annual conference of the Massachusetts School Administrators' Association in Hyannis. Recently, I traveled to Washington, D.C., to receive the National Distinguished

Principal Award and to gather with NDPs from other states. It was an exciting three days! This journey all started at BC many years ago!" • I'm sad to say that we've lost five classmates since the last issue: **Kevin McCabe** of Greenwich, Connecticut, was the news director and evening anchor on New Channel 12 in the Bronx. **Edwin Allard** of Laconia, New Hampshire, was retired from careers as a business executive and a history instructor. **John Eichorn** was a retired attorney in Burnsville, North Carolina. **Brendon Shea** of Rockville, Maryland, worked in banking. **John Kacewicz** was an orthodontist who had offices in East Greenwich and Coventry, Rhode Island.

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NC 1972

Please keep **John Kirby**, older brother of **Lisa Kirby Greissing**, in your thoughts and prayers. John passed away last October. • **Marilyn "Penny" Price Nachtman** reports that she survived the fires in Northern California without suffering any losses. • **Mary-Catherine Deibel** checked on **Connie McConville Peirce**, another Northern Californian, who avoided the fires, too. Moreover, Mary-Catherine informs us that **Jane Scovell**, formerly Appleton, our music instructor at Newton, lives in New York City. Jane has written many star biographies—those of **Marilyn Horne**, **Tim Conway**, **Ginger Rogers**, **Oona Chaplin**, and others. On New Year's Eve, her actual birthday, Jane celebrated her 85th birthday with family and friends. Mary-Catherine sees Jane's daughter, **Amy**, when she comes to visit her Cambridge-based father, **Bill Appleton**. Finally, Mary-Catherine relates that **Georgia Murray** is engaged in getting women elected to Congress and was, until she stepped down, very involved in **Kamala Harris's** presidential campaign. • After reading **Andrew Nemethy's** March 24, 2019, *Boston Globe Magazine* story, "In 1948, We Were Human Guinea Pigs in the Strangest House in Dover," I (**Nancy Brouillard McKenzie**) reached out to him. Andrew teaches journalism at Norwich University in Vermont, and yes, he has many fond memories of Newton. • Please pray for the well-being of all alumni living in Puerto Rico and still suffering the brutal effects of hurricanes and multiple large earthquakes.

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1973

John Kelly writes: "Doing fine! Living in New Jersey and still working. Fish every day, usually the Manasquan Inlet, and winter in Florida." • **William Flynn** writes: "No retirement for me! Founding a new international merchant bank, Emergis Global Capital Advisors, specializing in international placements of debt and equity in midmarket company (e.g. EUR 1 BN enterprise value and below). It's fun and

challenging and keeps me off the streets!" • **Joseph Winn** writes that he is "now mostly retired after stepping down as chair of Babson College's board of trustees and from a CFO career at American Tower and others in media and high tech. I'm now enjoying family and friends in the Boston area, on Cape Cod, and in Juno Beach, Florida. Daughters **Kelly Hiltz '06**, with two sons, and **Caroline Cardarelli '11**, with one daughter, have added grandchildren to our family over the past six years. Our son, **Joseph**, is working on Wall Street and enjoying the big city. I'm still a BC football season ticket holder with **Tony Manfredi**, **Bill McLaughlin**, and **Bob Wickham '74** and Florida golf partner with **Jim Murphy**. Go, Eagles!" • **John Cummings** went on a wonderful trip to Argentina with his wife, two daughters, and son-in-law. They first enjoyed an international convention of Jehovah's Witnesses with about 50,000 in attendance, meeting people from Scandinavia to Africa to Saudi Arabia. Then, they spent a couple of weeks in Buenos Aires, enjoying the people and the excellent beef, and went on a cruise through the Strait of Magellan up to Santiago, Chile. Along the way, they saw spectacular mountains, fjords, and glaciers. They even went white-water rafting in the shadow of a volcano that left piles of ash along the river from an eruption a few years back. He said it was the best trip ever!

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NC 1973

Dear classmates, it's so good to hear from you! • **Mary Doherty Ellroy**, MBA'78, shared that she went to visit **Patty Higgins** in New York City with **Meg Bracken Cherchia's** sister, **Kitty Jo**, who shared an apartment with them after college. Patty treated them to lunch in her lovely Upper East Side apartment. It was difficult to end the day as they felt as though there was still so much left to talk and laugh about. Mary is looking forward to her next visit, promising not to let so much time go by. • **Lynne Gulliver Erkinen** and **Lauren Kozay Quintana** met as freshman roommates and just celebrated 50 years of friendship by spending two weeks together at Hilton Head in South Carolina. They are looking forward to many more years of friendship and good health! • **Barbara Gangemi Burns** reported that she and her daughter, **Olivia**, joined **Kate Novak Vick** and her husband, **James**, for a lovely Thanksgiving at their home in Kent, Connecticut. She experienced a deep-fried turkey for the first time and said it was outstanding. Barbara's son **Jake** is in the Navy, and although he was deployed, she and Olivia traveled to Virginia Beach for Christmas to spend the holiday with his family. Barbara has been practicing law for more than 40 years, and she has been very busy with new clients this year. She's looking forward to spending time this spring in Captiva, Florida, with the Vicks. • **Patrice Muchowski** and her husband, **David Hillis**, became Florida residents in October.

They spend their time between their home in Clearwater and New Hampshire, where they are in the process of building a new home on Lake Monomonic. Patrice is planning to retire this summer from AdCare Hospital, where she has worked since the early 1980s. She and David enjoy and play a lot of golf. • **Mimi Reiley Vilord** and her husband, Randy, are loving retirement, dividing their time between Florida and New York. • Please send any news you have throughout the next few months. We will include it in this column in the fall issue. Enjoy your summer!

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1974

I hope you and your loved ones are doing well. • I heard from our classmate **Ralph Nalbandian**; he and his wife, Cynthia, reside in Oxford, Massachusetts. Until his retirement to years ago, Ralph had a long career as a clinician for the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health. He is currently working part-time as director of social services in adult day health and is the proud father of two daughters. Thanks, Ralph! • **Len DeLuca**, JD'77, has had a busy winter! In December, he was selected as one of the Boston-based Digital Sports Desk's "75 Under Sixty"/"75 Over Sixty," a column saluting leaders, mentors, and others who have built up what was once "a job in sports" and now are the icons of the "sports industry." Then, in January, he was named to a three-year term as one of the eight outside directors of The Heights, Inc. Len was sports editor of BC's now 100-year-old independent student newspaper in 1973 and 1974. He runs Len DeLuca & Associates LLC, a media strategy firm in New York City and serves as an adjunct assistant professor at NYU's Stern School of Business. • Please send me some news; the next column is due in August, and I would love to hear from you.

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NC 1974

More 45th reunion news: **Elena Spagnoulo Loukas** missed the reunion but promises to be at the next one. Elena lives in Boston and drives by the Newton campus every day as she is the director of development at Newton Country Day School, which also uses Trinity Chapel. • **Sharon Byrne Kishida** is still with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's municipal waste reduction branch, serving a district comprising 39 communities. Sharon also runs a Rockport nonprofit focusing on local foods and local markets, seasonal farmer markets, and annual festivals. Sharon sees **Catherine Meyer Tracy**, **Madeline Sherry**, and **M. Susan Sullivan**. • **Moiria Ryan Dougherty** has relocated to the North Shore. • **Jean O'Leary** wrote that our reunion reminded her why

she loved Newton and why its graduates were always so outstanding. Jean happily reports that after working extensively in corporate communications and human resources, she's finding retirement her best job yet! Jean and her husband, Mark, live in Pelham Manor, New York, and are active in numerous community organizations and the nearby New York Athletic Club. Jean and Mark now travel extensively and celebrated their 30th anniversary on an extended cruise around Ireland. Jean sees and talks often with other NCSH grads in the New York/Philadelphia area, including **Johanna Ferry Laadt**, **Gloria McPike Tamlyn**, **Jerri Muldoon**, **Dottie Mulderrig Packer NC'75**, and **Lisa Parry Howard**. Jean was pleased to reminisce with her former college roommate, **Sharon McCarthy Ware**, who lives in Massachusetts. • **Madeline Sherry** retired from private law practice in 2018 and now is the volunteer coordinator for the Homeless Advocacy Project. **Madeline** and her husband, **Frank Devine**, live in Center City, Philadelphia; son **Patrick** and his wife live in the Fairmount section, while son **Michael** works and lives in San Jose. • **Kathleen O'Brien Tracy** writes: "I have never been so busy since I retired! I bought a new home in Windsor (Connecticut), which I renovated to suit me perfectly. I plan for this to be my last stop before the mahogany flip-top! However, one never knows what the future will bring. I am busy on a number of boards and with my watercolor and artist community. My website is kathleentracyartist.com. I've agreed to run for the zoning board of appeals in Old Lyme, where I have my summer home. I stay politically active especially in these times." • Many thanks for the news, keep it coming!

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1975

45TH REUNION

Happy summer to all! • **Anne Camille Talley**, MBA'81, is honored to have been elected as the first businessperson on the board of the American Association of Pro Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists. AAPLOG exists to provide the clinical and scientific evidence-based rationale defending the lives and health of both the pregnant mother and her unborn child. • **Joseph B. Collins**, an attorney with the law firm of Hendel, Collins & O'Connor, in Springfield, has received the 2019 Pro Bono Publico Award presented by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts. The annual award recognizes attorneys who demonstrate an outstanding commitment to providing equal access to justice through volunteer legal services. Joseph practices in the area of insolvency/bankruptcy law and represents business and consumer clients. Joseph, who earned his JD from Suffolk University School of Law, is a fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy and on four occasions, has been designated as one

of the top 100 lawyers in Massachusetts by *Boston* magazine. • **Patricia Nolan Hoover** writes that she and her husband, **Stephen '74**, were thrilled to attend the BC Band Centennial festivities, where they reconnected with many friends and met new bandies on a bright autumn weekend. She was looking forward to seeing the group again at the 45th reunion, as well as those who were unable to attend the band events. She is still working at Boston Children's Hospital in laboratory medicine with a specialty in inborn errors of metabolism, putting her BC education to good use for future generations. • Sending get-well wishes to **Gleason Gallagher**, who is on the home stretch of recovering from a broken leg. He writes: "Lesson learned? Don't take a nap when the grandkids are around. Graffiti ends up on your cast and no one knows who did it!" • **Janet Porcaro** is a full-time, full-service Keller Williams realtor in Newton; an adoring grandmother; and a local neighborhood expert who operates ournewton.org, an expansive community website promoting events and news. She has won real estate awards for production and received the Good Neighbor Award in 2012 from the Greater Boston Association of Realtors. Staying connected to BC and attending events, especially at the McMullen Museum of Art, are among her favorite pastimes. She has mentored several BC students as interns, one of whom, **Anji Zhao '20**, was working remotely with her while spending her summer in China. On a sad note, Janet's husband, **Eliot Winograd**, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on January 1, 2019. Janet is grateful to all her BC friends for their loving condolences and messages of support. • Classmates **Anne O'Connor Kane**, MS'77, PhD'99, and her husband, **Kevin Kane**, received the Madonna Della Strada Award from the Ignatian Volunteer Corps New England. The award honors lives that reflect the Ignatian values of direct service to the marginalized, and of working and educating for a more just society.

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NC 1975

45TH REUNION

Happy almost 45th reunion, classmates! Although it will take place later than expected, it promises to be a wonderful time to reconnect, reminisce, and share good conversations. • It was nice to hear from **Jane Branca-Wallace**, MBA'77, who wrote that she and her husband, **Jack Wallace**, retired in 2016 and live in Bonita Springs, Florida, and Needham. Jane fills part of her time serving on parish and school boards. She was planning to be away at the time for which our 45th was to take place, but, she writes, she "will put the 50th on my calendar!" • For those who haven't visited the Alumni Association website in a while, the alumni online community went through some design updates in summer 2019. The Alumni Directory is still

available for you to search for your classmates or other alumni. You might need to register for a new username and password if you haven't logged in since last summer. Please take a few minutes to update your contact information so we can keep in touch. If you have any news to share, please send along via email, phone, Facebook, or even snail mail. Thank you!

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1976

Paul Hayes and wife, Valerie, have relocated from Fort Valley, Georgia, to a new residence in Pisgah Forest, North Carolina. Paul's wonderful parents lived out their final years there, and it is a beautiful location. Paul and Val keep busy in retirement, visiting their five grandchildren and three children. • **Gerry Shea** is looking forward to once again working on the '76 Reunion Committee. Remember, the reunion is scheduled to be held in June 2021! Gerry and his wife, Karen, immensely enjoy raising their twin daughters, Emily and Meg, who are now freshmen at Mount Alvernia High School in Newton. Befitting a prior sports editor of *Sub Turri*, Gerry roots on the Eagles at every chance, especially football. **Beth Hurley**; **Wilfred Morrison**; and **Rohan Samaraweera** '75, JD'78, joined him at football games last season. Go, Eagles! • The Tufts University School of Dental Medicine honored **Joseph Giordano** with its 2019 Alumni Award. Joe resides in Andover and will celebrate with wife Peggy their 38th anniversary come July. They welcomed their first grandchild, Violet, last December. Joe still enjoys practicing orthodontics. • **Janet (Kowalski)** '77 and **John Strollo** are proud grandparents of four! • A perhaps underappreciated gem of the BC adventure, the BC Screaming Eagles Band, celebrated its 100th anniversary with a halftime show last October. **Sharyn O'Leary Sweeney** and **Anthony Autori** participated in the moving performance. Sharyn retired from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and enjoys traveling with husband Jack and occasionally consulting in math education. They have resided in Lakewood Ranch, Florida, since 2012. • The BC Alumni Directory has been improved. All are urged to register. And that means you, **Marianne McConnell**, so old friends can find you! • **Kevin Foley** and his wife now reside in Palm Coast, Florida. • **Maria Elena Rodriguez** writes: "I just retired after teaching special education for 33 years. Moved to Naples and am enjoying my new journey!" • **Maureen Mahoney** wrote in from Plantation, Florida, that she runs a charity, the Mahoney Family Fund, whose stated mission is "to mitigate violence." She's planning a September fundraiser at the Tewksbury Country Club. • Wishing all a healthy and happy summer. Keep in touch, and God bless!

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1977

Charlene Rose Gottlieb, of Natick, informs us about an idea John Wolfson, editor of *Boston College Magazine*, had for an article with writer Jaqueline Tempera, which became the impetus for a long overdue reunion! The article, titled "Power Play," was published in the fall 2019 issue. The article intrigued the current women's varsity ice hockey coach and team to investigate their roots. On December 7, 2019, the BC women's varsity ice hockey coach, Katie Crowley, hosted a reunion of the Pioneers, the original players and coaches who formed the first women's ice hockey teams in the 1970s. Getting it all started was a huge endeavor by Reenie Baker Sandsted '78 as a freshman. The event had a great turnout, with the participants cheering on the current BC varsity team vs. BU. The team members who were present, besides Charlene and Reenie, were **Julie Mulcahey-Kelland**, **Sandy Chevette-Hughes**, **Carol McCarthy**, **Maryanne Tessier Richards** '78, and **Terri Nicoletti Morin**. Their goalie, **Doxie McCoy**, could not make it, but she reached out from D.C. to reconnect with the group. The ladies are hoping to reunite again in the future with their skates on! • **Joe Gargiulo**, of Fairfax, Virginia, was hopeful for a Hillside A-26 reunion this May on the Delaware Shore with **Dennis Asselin**, **Doug Walsh**, **Don Aubuchon**, **Frank Nemia**, and **Paul Cahill** JD'81, as well as their regular "dinner mates," **Marty Corry** and **Bob Patterson**. Also noteworthy, Frank's son and Don's daughter have June 2020 weddings planned! • **Kathleen Mancuso Regan**, of Port St. Lucie, Florida, has published her second book, *Unintended Consequences: A Mother's Memoir* (Austin Macauley Publishers, 2019). • God bless! May all good things find the path to your door!

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1978

Hello, great '78ers! • It seems that many of our female classmates have gotten together for minireunions. Last summer, classmates and former residents of Hillside A-64—**Lori Poveromo Roth**, **Ann Brandewie Manaster**, **Eileen Callahan Aubuchon** MS'82, **Barb Miller Lussier**, and **Amanda Jones Pisani**—reunited for a long weekend at Ann's home in Northern California. The friends shared fun memories and many laughs, and all were grateful for the bond that hasn't weakened in 41 years. • **Cheryl Neff** wrote that she and her friends have also been keeping alive the reunion commitment to stay connected. **Cheryl** and **Carol Westcott Phillips**, **Claire-Frances Umanzio** JD'81, **Karen Godfrey Ghirardi**, **Karen Benoit Charron** MA'80, and **Lynne Fratto Woodhouse** got together for a summer catch-up dinner in Waltham, which resulted in a plan for the next get-together, a weekend on Cape Cod last September. The gang met at Claire's place

in Brewster after Labor Day and enjoyed a lovely weekend. Next, the women congregated at the BC Homecoming game in October and managed to pull in a couple more members of our class: **Frank Kelly**, **Nancy Kelly German** from Pittsburgh, and **Margarita Alvarez** all the way from Puerto Rico. They spent time tailgating and connecting with another classmate, **Sue Mullen**. Cheryl says the conversations are now about adult kids, grandchildren, retirement plans, and travel, but the BC connection keeps this group together. I know my own Mod 8A roomies feel the same! • In other Mod 8A news, **M. Joyce Gallagher's** daughter, **J. Courtney Sullivan**, will have a new novel out in June: *Friends and Strangers* (Knopf). Joyce changed her name to **M. Joyce Gallagher** last year, post divorce. • **Bob Nascenzi** was selected as the founding president of **Cristo Rey San Diego High School**. He writes: "BC is a huge supporter of **Cristo Rey** schools nationwide, and I was honored to be chosen to launch the school and lead its mission to provide a college preparatory education to underserved families in San Diego." Bob's wife, **Pat (Harvey)** '80, and their four sons—**Joe**, **Peter**, **Michael** '11, and **Thomas**—are all doing well. • **Double Eagle Fr. Brian Cidlevich** (he is also a BC High alum) is now living in a retirement home in **Robertsville, Missouri**. A priest in the Marist order, he is doing well and is still able to celebrate Mass. He would love to hear from classmates; you may phone him at home at 636-285-7878. • And **Marian Hoar McGrath** welcomed her third grandson, **Matteo Anthony Llauger**, last October. Congrats!

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1979

Steve Eimert, JD'82, marked his 33rd year as attorney at **Sherin and Lodgen** in Boston by shifting from partner to an of counsel role while launching a new credit union real estate finance business with several clients—curealestatesolutions.com. He writes: "Bonus: four great kids, educated and working!" • **Stephen Papazian** recently celebrated 40 years of service with the Federal Reserve System, with the last 33 years in Boston. His wife of 27 years, **Peg**, is a special education teacher. His oldest son, **Rob**, is working towards his master's in sports administration at Boston College, and his youngest son, **Dan**, is graduating from the University of South Carolina in May. • **Stacey Shannon O'Rourke** writes: "Blessed to report that **Brian** and I spend time with **Derek Dalton**, **Jeff Kurtz**, **Craig Whiting**, **John Ferris**, **John O'Connell**, **Mike Fee**, **Mike Murphy**, **David Ford**, and **Vic** and **Jody (Coyle) Dowling** and stay in touch with lots of others on social media in our class and others, notably **Brian** '80 and **Lynn (Cunningham)** O'Connor '80. Go, Eagles!" • **Kenneth Pierce**, a resident of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, spouse of **Kathleen O'Connor Pierce** '80 and parent of **Matthew Pierce** '16, was recently recognized by the

National Trial Lawyers Association as one of its Top 100 Lawyers. Ken is a partner at Monaghan Leahy, LLP in Portland, Maine. • **Patricia Sodano Ireland**, MA'83, is a Double Eagle. Her MA is in pastoral theology. In June 2018, she became the senior VP of academic affairs at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson, Pennsylvania, after serving as the dean of undergraduate studies at Saint Joseph's College in Maine. She and her family have spent the last couple of winters traveling to Italy to ski in the Dolomite Mountains. • **Mitchell Stern** retired from teaching mathematics at the Concord Middle School for 31 years in June 2017. Presently, he is working as a substitute teacher at CATS Academy Boston, a private international boarding high school, in Braintree. For two years, he was the weekend activities/summer program manager at CATS prior to substituting.

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1980 40TH REUNION

As we celebrate our 40th reunion year, many classmates' reports are evolving from mostly personal news of achievements to more news of their children's successes and escalating numbers of grandchildren's births. How did we become empty nesters so quickly? • "God is good." **Jim Hobert** shares a touching note of thanks to classmates. "My wife and I had a son in 1979. Wow! Were we happy! Without the help of awesome classmates, it would've been very difficult for me to finish school on time. Classmates **Rev. Jennifer Burns Lewis**, **Donna Socha**, **Camilla DePaul Duffy**, and **Stacy Hamilton Waldron** lived together on campus and rotated baby care, allowing me to attend morning classes. You girls were the best! In a pinch, **Joe Donahue** and **Brian Maloney** helped out (they didn't like to change diapers) as did my sophomore-year roommate, **Frank Smith '81**, and his parents." That son is now 40, has two children of his own, and is a U.S. Marine Corps major, having served in Afghanistan. Jim has two other sons, ages 38 (owns The Other Guys moving company, Boston) and 19. Jim has been teaching ESL for 26 years in Holyoke schools after working 14 years in his family funeral business. He just finished 34 years of coaching high school basketball. • **Pete Gedraitis**, of Texas, enjoyed the Virginia Tech game Heights tailgate party hosted by **Meg (Bower) '83** and **George Corde!** "Chris Larned, Dave Maloney, Chris Jantzen JD'84, and Ed Barnes joined in spirit!" Pete reports. • **Frank Hone** and his wife relocated to Raleigh, North Carolina, where he works in product management at the Veradigm unit of Allscripts. • **Ruth Chobit** started working at BC in 1963, attending night classes and graduating with us. She worked there for 48 years, retiring as an assistant director in human resources. • **Matt Slade**, of Jamaica Plain, and his wife,

Nancy, care for their grandson two to three days weekly, reporting he is their "blessing and joy." • **Michael Voccola**, of Rhode Island, and his wife are so "thrilled" being grandparents that she left working to care for the grandkids. Michael is entering his 19th year with Procaccianti Companies as corporate VP and associate general counsel. • **Dan Conway** continues his successful real estate business in sunny California. • **Matt Fitzsimons**, MED'04, MA'06, is doing very inspirational work as the head of Grace Academy. • **Stephen Madarasz**, of New York, is the longtime board president of the Mental Health Foundation, a not-for-profit focused on ending stigma through better understanding. • As empty nesters, **Ross and Amy (Lentini) Page** are spending less time in Rome, Italy, and more in Asia. • **Kathleen "Kooft" O'Connor Pierce** and her husband celebrated their oldest son's wedding in the DC area with many BC alumni attending. • **Georgina Laidlaw Berger's** daughter was recently married in Montana. • Also, **Mike and Tee (Doyle) Devine** and **Steve and Midge (Marrinan) Galligan** celebrated daughters getting married.

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1981

Rob Moscati lives in Ashburn, Virginia, outside D.C. He is blessed with three married children and six grandchildren close by in Virginia and Maryland. A retired colonel, Rob completed a 30-plus-year career as an assistant United States attorney and Army Reserve JAG officer in 2018. At the U.S. Attorney's office in Buffalo, Rob prosecuted organized crime, narcotics, human trafficking, and public corruption cases, and finished his career detailed to the U.S. Department of Justice National Security Division in Washington, D.C. After serving in Iraq in 2004–2005, Rob completed his military career as the deputy chief prosecutor of the U.S. Military Commissions, prosecuting **Khalid Shaikh Mohammed** and the 9/11 co-conspirators, and the mastermind of the USS *Cole* bombing, among other Guantanamo Bay detainees. He received the Legion of Merit and Defense Superior Service Medal upon his retirement. Rob and his wife, Barb, would welcome a visit by any Mod 28A roommates, or other BC friends, as Virginia wine country and championship golf courses beckon! Rob, thank you for your service! • In December 2019, **Shawn Christianson** (far from retired) was sworn in to her second successive term as mayor of Hillsborough, California, a city of approximately 11,500 people just south of San Francisco. She has served on the Hillsborough City Council since 2012. She also continues to practice law at the Buchalter firm in San Francisco, where she is the immediate past managing shareholder of the San Francisco office and current chair of its insolvency and financial solutions group. • **Phil Murray** and a fellow Ridgefield entrepreneur teamed up to acquire Ross Bread, a bakery with a

reputation for "all things organic, natural, and high craft." The bakery was voted "Best Bakery in Ridgefield" by *Ridgefield Magazine*. Good luck to Phil and Ross Bread! • Congratulations to **Ellen Redmond Farrell** on the birth in February of her first grandchild, Jack Warner Doherty. He is the son of two BC grads, Ellen's daughter and son-in-law, Emily '10 and Matt Doherty '11. The proud grandmother has been flooding my phone with pictures, but the little rascal is really, really adorable and a likely candidate for BC's Class of 2042!

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1982

Brian Cummins and his wife, **Patty (Foley) '81**, MA'83, shared that they are now grandparents. Their second daughter, **Deedee**, and her husband, **Scott**, were blessed in August with a baby girl called **Aoife**, a very old Irish name. They love their new roles as Nana and Grandpa. Their oldest daughter, **Maureen '08**, married **Andrew Mahar** in December in Leesburg, Virginia. • **Kelly Smith** shared that she is a writer and associate producer for a film. • **Joan Daly Maloney** was recently appointed executive director of the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association. • **Glenn Reed** attended a BC Christmas celebration in New York, where he met up with old friends and his Keyes North roommates **Jon Rather** and **Mark "Bert" Eagan**. Glenn was grateful for the memories and enjoyed this gift of friends during the holiday season. • **Mark Eagan** joined **Goulston & Storrs** as a director in the real estate group in New York in January. Mark, an attorney now with over 30 years of experience, received his law degree from NYU School of Law in 1985 and his AB from BC, magna cum laude. • **Annmarie Aceto Quezada** is now head of school at Mother Caroline Academy in Dorchester. MCA is the only tuition-free, all-girls middle school in the city of Boston. They empower young women by leveling the playing field of middle school academics and extracurricular activities for their students. She is very proud of the school's partnership with BC, which provides teachers, social workers, nurses, mentors, and tutors through the BC Urban Catholic Teachers Corps. They could not do their work without the support of BC. As they strive to close not only the achievement gap, but also the experience gap for inner-city girls, they are always looking for volunteers. All are welcome to come and visit MCA at 515 Blue Hill Avenue; mcaec.org. • I, **Mary McAleer O'Brien**, have been back at BC each month since August as a Sci-Ed Innovator fellow. The fellowship has been an eye-opener and has allowed me to implement democratic STEM teaching principles with my second graders. We are never too old to learn new things!

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1983

John Lakin and his wife relocated from Florida to Laguna Woods, California, where he is a consultant for a third-party administrator (TPA). John plays a lot of golf and is enjoying California wines. His daughter Joy graduated from the University of Miami as vocal performance (opera) major and is now in her second year of law school at Southwestern. • **Antoinette Mongiardo Carchedi** would like to thank Boston College and the Boston Red Sox for sponsoring BC Night at Fenway Park in September. She greatly appreciated being able to share this enjoyable event with her husband, Antonio, and son, Luis. Antoinette has worked as an RN at McLean Hospital for the past 31 years and is forever grateful for her BC education, which prepared her to care for patients who present with multiple health, psycho-social, and spiritual issues. • **Jonathan Goldsmith** notes with pleasure that his youngest child, Stephen '19, graduated from BC with a BS from the Carroll School of Management. Jonathan is also proud of the education his other two children have received at BC: son Samuel is a graduate in the Class of 2016, and Paul is completing his final semester at BC Law. Jonathan continues to practice law in Springfield at the firm of Goldsmith, Katz & Argenio, PC, and enjoys his volunteer work with several local organizations, including serving as president of the Springfield Jewish Community Center. Jonathan and his wife, Susan, reside in Longmeadow. • On February 1, Msgr. Charles Antonicelli was named pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Washington, D.C., which is the oldest Catholic parish in the capital city. Prior to this, he served as vicar general and moderator for the curia of the Archdiocese of Washington. • **Rändi Strom Fay** writes with a two-decade update: "An injury in the early 2000s forced a profession shift for me away from being a veterinarian. In 2010, with the release of my first CD, I dove into a career as a musician/vocalist and earned a master's certificate in songwriting from Berklee College of Music's online extension. In February [2020], I released my seventh CD, *Intuition*, a concept synth opera exploring contemporary love, using the sounds of a dynamic new genre, symphonic-electronica. My music is on all streaming outlets—I would love for my old friends and classmates to check it out! On a personal note, my husband, John '84, and I just welcomed our third grandchild!"

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1984

Greetings, classmates! • **Susan Hennessy**; **Susan Jones Young**; **Hilary Petersen Falo**; **Lisa Mollo-Blum**; and **Patty Campanella Daniels**, JD'87, MSW'87, got together in November at Patty's summer home in Madison and enjoyed lots of laughs and reminiscing. Susan Hennessy lives in Walpole, teaches second grade, and has



"Matt is a very good risk-taker," says Sarah Lahr Fitzsimons '83, of her husband. "When he believes in something, he does it."

SARAH LAHR FITZSIMONS '83 and MATTHEW FITZSIMONS '80, MED'04, MA'06

DETAILS:
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Full of Grace

As a lifelong educator, Sarah '83 dreamed of starting a school and her husband, Matt '80, MED'04, MA'06 was inspired by the NativityMiguel model.

In 2010, Grace Academy, a tuition-free private school in Hartford, Connecticut, opened its doors. Today, nearing its 10-year anniversary, the school hosts 66 students in grades 5–8, and has graduated 82 students, who are now in high school and college.

How did their dream become a reality? In 2009, they inspired like-minded friends and educators to join them. Grace Academy would be a sister school to Covenant Prep in Hartford, and part of the NativityMiguel Coalition network. By the grace of God, things quickly fell into place: upcycled school furniture, a repurposed van, and funding were obtained. In those early days, "we had no school, no name, no students. Yet we raised money. We were blessed to have so much support," says Matt, Grace Academy's executive director and head of school.

Like family, Sarah and Matt nurture their school. And in turn, Grace Academy nourishes its students—body, mind, and spirit. Alumni go on to college preparatory high schools such as Hotchkiss, Loomis Chaffee, and Concord Academy. Support doesn't end after eighth grade. Grace Academy brings students on college tours, helps with applications, provides financial assistance for college supplies and fees, and arranges summer internships.

When schools in Connecticut closed due to the coronavirus pandemic, teachers and administrators worked around the clock to get remote learning in place, ensuring each student had a Chromebook, school supplies, and access to WiFi. Matt started a food pantry for the school's families.

"We are just one of over 70 similar NativityMiguel schools in the country trying to break the cycle of urban poverty through education," says Matt. "These girls are so eager to learn. Their excitement reenergizes us every single day."

a 15-year-old son, Michael. Susan Jones Young lives in Scituate and has two daughters in college—UMass Amherst and Northeastern. Lisa Mollo-Blum lives in Ellicott City, Maryland. Her son, Jack, is at Marquette, and her daughter, Abbey, graduated from BC in 2018. Hilary Petersen lives in Pittsburgh and is a nurse. Her twin sons, Gabe and Dominick, are freshmen at the University of Pittsburgh, and her daughter, Bella, is a sophomore in high school. Patty Campanella Daniels lives in Glastonbury, Connecticut, with her husband, Eric, JD'86. Her son, Jake, is a firefighter with his EMT; daughter Christina is in the Class of 2022 at BC; and daughter Catherine is a junior in high school. • Lydia Voles started her career as a teacher and has come full circle, having worked for the last six years at Widmeyer Communications, a Finn Partners Company and a leading communications firm dedicated to PreK–12 and higher education. Lydia was recently promoted to senior VP. Her clients include a charter school network, prominent ed tech companies, and several educational nonprofit organizations and foundations. For the past 20 years, Lydia has lived in Ossining, New York, with husband Rick, two college-aged sons, Jack and Cal; and MoneyPenny, her Australian labradoodle. • Marty, JD'94, and Michelle (Ahmed) Ebel have moved to Maryland. They miss their home in The Woodlands, Texas, but are happy to be back on the East Coast. They look forward to reconnecting with BC friends in the D.C. area. • Christopher Fanning was appointed president and CEO of KPA, a leading provider of environmental health and safety, HR management, and finance and insurance compliance software and services. He joined KPA with 30 years of experience in general management, strategy, and operations for both public and private companies. He most recently was president and CEO of Survey Sampling International and also held multiple leadership roles with Lattice Semiconductor and The Boston Consulting Group. • Mandy Leech Broughton has lived in England for many years. She is a successful artist. Her studio is at her home, and her paintings are in collections around the world.

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1985 35TH REUNION

It's our reunion year, so celebrate! • Congrats to **Leslie Samuelrich**, who was recently named on Conscious Company Media's 2020 list of 43 World-Changing Women in Conscious Business. • **Deb Young**, MA'93, and her two children live in Garmisch, Germany, where she teaches math and science. In 2019, she was awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. • **Matt Foley** is living in Atlanta with his wife, Suzanne (a Texas Aggie). Matt has been in the "green, renewable,

sustainable" space since early 2014. In late 2019, he was named VP of project development for two sister companies out of Salt Lake City: Iron Horse Tire Reclamation Technologies and AirHeat Technologies. • **CBS2 NYC weatherman Lonnie Quinn** has his own action figure. To promote Lonnie's weather-forecasting talents, CBS2 ran an advertisement featuring an action figure of Lonnie. Lonnie is known for spending time outside the CBS studio on the plaza getting buffeted by winds, pelted with sleet, drenched with rain, or pummeled by snow. He is a very popular personality! • Thanks to **Gail Schrimmer** for posting many fun old photos from our days on campus on the BC Class of 1985 Facebook group. Check it out! • **James Fischerkeller** is director of corporate engagement at World Vision US. • **Henry Ahn** is president of content distribution and marketing at Scripps Networks Interactive in the greater New York City area. • **Cyndi Dupuis Breen** joined Bank of America in Providence as a VP this year. • **Jack Sexton** is the CFO at ALOM and lives in the Bay Area. • **Jeff Thielman**, JD'92, is president and CEO of the International Institute of New England. The organization works to protect the rights of immigrants in New England. • **John Looney** is VP of marketing and public affairs at Newton-Wellesley Hospital—where, I would guess, lots and lots of babies from Class of 1985 alumni were born, including my two. • **Adrian Dickson** is an international project manager at Blue Heron Research Partners, an independent research firm. • Kudos to **Janet Siegenthaler**, cofounder of Ladies Room Productions, LLC, an entertainment-based marketplace for socially responsible commerce and charitable giving. • **Jeff Cocoluto** was planning to run the Boston Marathon this spring to raise money for the Claudia Adams Barr Program for Innovative Cancer Research at Dana-Farber. Check out his team link at <http://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/goto/jeffandmeri>. • **I, Barbara Ward Wilson**, have relocated from Sonoma, California, to Boca Raton, Florida, for a new job. Life is an adventure in southern Florida, and I am really enjoying the change. I must admit, I do still drink a lot of Sonoma wine here in Florida!

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1986

Dave Macaione (JD/MBA Vanderbilt) is now chief legal officer with Cloudburst Entertainment, producers and distributors of film and television, headquartered in Scottsdale, Arizona. • **Paul Afonso** left partnership with law firm Brown Rudnick in Boston to become senior VP and chief legal officer of the American Petroleum Institute in Washington, D.C. He is commuting between his two favorite cities. His wife, **MaryLou Burke Afonso**, continues her work as COO at Bright Horizons, the world's largest corporate child-care company. Their oldest, Caroline, will be

attending Northeastern University to join the D-1 track team's javelin and shotput program. Their youngest, Bridgette, continues her amazing eighth-grade year at Ursuline Academy in Dedham. • **Sue Henderson**, PhD'03, will be celebrating 30 years of marriage to Tom Conlon, as well as the 20th birthday of her triplets, Hannah, Michael, and Seamus. Sue is a full-time middle school English language learner teacher in Swampscott, where she was awarded professional status this year. She continues to do educational research and evaluation as a consultant.

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1987

Elizabeth Dougal, JD'90, writes: "Earlier this year, my husband, Rob McLaughlin, JD'89, and I had the pleasure while in Ireland of visiting BC's Dublin office, where we received a warm welcome. Make sure you check in there if you find yourself in Ireland (you may receive a charming BC hat that says "Go, BC" in Gaelic). Next, we found ourselves reuniting in New York City with my BC classmate **Larry Guerra** and his beautiful wife and high school sweetheart, Evelyn Mason. Larry is as smart, suave, and handsome as ever, and we spent a wonderful dinner reminiscing about BC and their wedding. Larry manages his own highly successful psychology practice—he has not been taking on new clients for some time! Unlike me, who welcomes new trusts and estates clients at the new location of my legal practice in Longmeadow. Next BC minireunion planned is next year with my Mod-mates. Come on out Maureen, Dyann, Vivienne, Jeanie, and Dawn! I can't wait to get together." • **Rocko Graziano** completed his master's in computer science, machine learning, at Georgia Tech this past December and now has torn ACC allegiances! • **Tom and Jennifer (Benson) Buckley** have been living in the Raleigh, North Carolina, area for over 20 years. They have two children studying at NC State. Tom is a realtor with Coldwell Banker Advantage in Cary. He writes: "Anyone moving to the area, please let me know if I can help. bcproud87@gmail.com." • **Cara Harding** is excited that her law practice has taken a new direction. After 25 years as a divorce attorney, she now focuses solely on drafting qualified domestic relations orders. • **Quentin Williams** writes that he is "proud to serve society through Dedication To Community, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. Living the dream!"
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1988

Carol Palmer Winig writes: "Who would have thought to have a mini BC reunion in an igloo in Boston? A great night at the Envoy Hotel with fellow Eagles **Kathy Brustman Rasor**, **Patti Carroll Schipelliti**, **Moir Clancy Riccio**, **Ann Kulevich Kane**, **Cathy McCarron**, **Kelly Murphy**, **Lisa**

Noonan, and Carol Palmer Winig. A great time catching up with old friends." • **Elizabeth Ross Meissner**, MS'10, attended a minireunion for the Class of 1988: **Lisa DiBonaventura-Munoz**, MA'91, and her husband, Ben, organized a night out for a murder mystery dinner in January. In addition to Liz and her husband, **Steve Meisser**, classmates attending were **Ann Ramirez Cicchiello** and her husband, **Gary**; **Stephen**, JD'91, and **Terry (Higgins) Mears**; **Karen McKenna Roche** (unfortunately, **Kevin Roche** had the flu that night); **Mark Tarallo** and **Kristy White**; **John Morrier** JD'95, MBA'95, and **Lori Kearsley Morrier** '91; **Chris and Liz (McCarthy) DePalma**; **Dave and Beth (Taylor) Rossi**; **Karl and Patti (Mullaly) Panzer**; and **Larry and Kerry (Walsh) Pitman**. • After 24 wonderful years in Upton, raising her three boys and toiling as a video editor and digital effects artist, **Donnamarie Schmitt Floyd**, together with husband **Jim**, got their last son off to Stonehill College; sold their house in five days; and relocated their home and video production company, **ThelmaWorld**, to the beautiful shores of Lake Winnisquam in Meredith, New Hampshire. **Donnamarie** traveled the two-plus hours back to Needham to the home of fellow classmate **Christine Conley Palladino**, JD'93, for this year's Cutthroat Christmas Cookie Swap. The annual tradition brings fellow BCers **Stacey Savage Conostas**, **Mary Ellen Chambers**, **Karen Kelleher** '90, **Laurie Montalto McGonigle**, **Maggie McGuire Wallace**, **Anne James-Noonan**, **Claire Tevnan Edmondson**, and often special guest alumnus **Dave Connelly** together for a night of cookie swapping and merriment. When summer arrives, if any class members are in the Meredith area and would like a boat ride on the lake, give **Donnamarie** a shout. • **Denise Arrouet Bunning** shared that she, **Norah Benincasa Lasora** MSW'10, and **Norah's** daughter/**Denise's** goddaughter, **Jessica Lasorsa**, attended a BC game together. Fun times! • **Melissa White Shaheen** wrote in with several updates. She recently became a grandmother, and she can report that it is awesome to have teenage twins and a grandbaby who lives around the corner! She has a second job as a travel agent (she is in her 23rd year at McKinney), and she was able to bring along **Linda Malenfant** and **Jenny McMahon-Varick** for her travel conference in March 2019 at Universal Studios in Florida. **Jenny** and her sister, **Colleen "Kelly" McMahon** '90, also joined **Melissa** for opening day at Star Wars Land and a private tour in August. **Melissa** caught up with **Bob Higgins** '89 in New York last fall, and they did lots of BC Theatre reminiscing. **Melissa** and **Jenny** were in Vancouver and Seattle last summer for **Melissa's** daughter's Irish Dance Nationals, and in Seattle they caught up with **Leslie Montgomery Martin**. As she does almost every year, **Melissa** hosted a BC-Notre Dame game watch at a local bar and had the chance to meet classmates from many different decades, which was loads of fun. She, **Ralph Santora**, and **Mike Muller** '89 are planning an

informal gathering of the Class of '88 in Provincetown this summer, June 5-7.

• **Lynn Berardelli-Michaelides** will be graduating in May 2020 with a master of arts in theology and ministry from BC's School of Theology and Ministry—thus becoming a Double Eagle!

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1989

Going forward, *Boston College Magazine* will have three issues per year, so please be patient if it takes a few months to have your update included. Please keep submitting online at bc.edu or via email to me! • **Kristin Kelley Lax** crossed the finish line of the Tokyo Marathon in March 2019 to become one of 4,989 Six Star Finishers worldwide of the Abbott World Marathon Majors, a series consisting of six of the largest marathons in the world. She hopes to complete her eighth New York City Marathon (her 17th marathon overall) on November 1, 2020. **Kristin** resides in Harlem with her husband and three sons (ages 15, 15, and 11) and is the director of alumni relations at Horace Mann School in the Bronx. • **Gloria Jolley** is now the Greater LA regional director for Read to a Child, a national literacy and mentoring nonprofit that fosters a love of reading, improves literacy skills, and empowers underserved children by inspiring adults to read aloud to them regularly (readtoachild.org). • In August 2019, **Anthony Varona**, JD'92, became dean and **M. Minnette Massey** Professor of Law at University of Miami School of Law. • **Kathryn Canty** will be graduating from Cal State Northridge in May with a master of fine arts in screenwriting. • While still spending summers in Cohasset, **Paula O'Brien Curran** and her husband, **Tim** '88, MS'93, moved to Colorado three years ago. They have two children, **Ashley** (a 2019 graduate of UMass Amherst now working in Boston) and **Connor** (a junior at Texas Christian University, who is following in **Tim's** legacy of Army ROTC). **Paula** is an active advisor to junior sailing programs in Massachusetts. • **John Taylor** and his wife, **Maureen**, are raising two wonderful boys, one (a sophomore) adopted and one (an eighth grader) who journeyed from foster care to their forever family. **John** has built his career as an accountant, and his love of BC remains strong. His father, **Dennis Taylor**, is a former chairman of BC's English department and a past president of the Boston College Association of Retired Faculty. **John** was preparing for a serious surgery when he sent in his note, so please keep him and his family in your thoughts.

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1990

30TH REUNION

Hello, classmates! I am taking time from celebrating the Kansas City Chiefs win to

write this column! • **Maureen Harrington** is still living in San Francisco with her husband and 18-year-old son, and she is continuing to practice law full-time as a civil litigator. To celebrate their 50th birthdays, **Maureen** and **Christine DeGraan Martiny** traveled to Spain, visiting Barcelona and Madrid. **Christine** lives on Cape Cod, where she keeps busy with her husband, **Gilman**, and two daughters. • Eight Eagles gathered in Savannah, Georgia, for a collective and belated 50th birthday celebration in March 2019. Many memories were relished and new ones created! **Carolyn Casamassima Pepe**, **Sharon Rodrigues King**, **Jennifer Duffy Halloran**, **Dawn Wall Silvestri**, **Carolyn Cicora**, **Andrea Debal Smith**, **Margaret Moraskie**, and **Kara O'Brien O'Shaughnessy** were all in attendance! • **Keith Wargo** shared that he and wife, **Anne**, are thrilled that their daughter, **Caroline**, will be entering Boston College's Class of 2024. Ever to Excel!

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1991

Marnie Hoolahan and her six roommates got together in Nashville for their collective 50th birthdays! **Marnie** lives in the Greater Boston area and is supporting commercialization planning with biotech companies as an executive consultant with the NemetzGroup. She was also recently elected to her town's planning board back in May 2019 for a five-year term. **Marnie** and her husband, **Kevin** '92, have been frequenting the BC tailgate scene with their freshman son, **Justin**, who needed a place to tailgate for the rather discouraging 2019 football season—at least he had fun pre- and postgame! • **Paul** '90 and **Molly (Kelly) Edmondson**, MAT'93, have two daughters, **Katherine** '19, who is working with Teach for America in South Carolina, and **Maggie** '21, who is spending the semester abroad in South Africa. **Molly** and her business partner have successfully launched the MoJo Advantage in the Greater Cincinnati area and have been helping train women to get back into the workforce after taking time out of their career trajectory. Business is booming, and they have plans to expand to other cities! • **Bridget Matthews-Kane** won her elected seat for Westfield City Council, Ward 3. She and her husband, **Tim** '94, MEd'96, have four children; their oldest, **Fionnuala** '23, is a freshman at BC and in the BC Marching Band. • **Mary Eileen Lambesis Kungl** and her husband, **Paul**, live in Chicago where they both practice medicine while raising their three children. • **Amy Smith** is living in Washington, D.C., and is supporting our environment working with the World Wildlife Fund. She anticipates a deployment to Singapore and would love some visitors! • **Carol Dowling Donnelly** is keeping active raising three children in Darien, Connecticut, with her husband, **Dave**. • **Michael Antonellis** accepted the position of director of global communications

and brand at Stratus Technologies, a leading-edge computing solution provider. His wife, **Elaine (Lockhart)**, MA'93, just earned her advanced degree in children's adjustment counseling and is an education leader in the Watertown school system. • Congratulations to **Julie Siskowic**, who finally (her word!) married her soulmate, Keira Brooke Vermilyea, in April 2019, after they had known each other for 25 years. Julie and Keira, along with their two dogs, are relocating from Colorado to Wisconsin, where Julie will be a dialysis RN for Fresenius. Julie's message: "Sending blessings out to all! Be good to each other, give hugs often, and love yourself always!"

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1992

Hi, everyone! Please send along your updates—we would love to hear from you. Thanks so much! • **Katrina Finucane-Tuccio** lives in Minnesota and has three kids in middle school—sixth, seventh, and eighth grades! She reports that she is thankful for her degree in psychology as well as her master's in financial planning. Katrina is looking forward to moving back to Boston soon. • With more than 27 years in chemical distribution, **Tim Dooling** was recently promoted to COO for Azelis Americas. Azelis is the largest specialty chemical distributor in the world, with sales approaching \$3 billion. Tim lives in Mansfield with his wife, **Christine (Hoar)**, and their three children. Christine is the director of health services for the Mansfield school district. • **Mary Ward**, RN, presented "Development and Implementation of an Opioid Consumption Dashboard" at the annual ACS (American College of Surgeons) Quality and Safety Conference in Washington, D.C., in July 2019. Mary lives in Chestnut Hill. • **Brian Mahony** recently celebrated 12 years since founding Trender Research, a consultancy and 70,000-member video technology community producing events, magazines, and marketing services for clients. He lives in Westford with his wife, Kirsten, and five children (Casey, Jack, Aidan, Caroline, and Michael). A former member of BC's Ultimate Frisbee team, Brian can still be found hucking the disc in parks around Boston. • **Catherine Del Buono** wrote in with the following update: "My childhood home in Meriden, Connecticut, was donated to the local church 20 years ago and was suddenly given back to my family last year. This was a sign for me to do something with the house that could give back to the community. I started a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization called Our House Meriden. We offer free after-school arts classes to kids in need and started a community garden for the neighborhood. I hope to uplift this city, which is in need of revival." • In October 2019, **Ingrid Chiemi Schroffner**, JD'95, became a member of the Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education Board of Trustees. The MCLE is a nonprofit

corporation governed by a board of trustees and assisted by curriculum advisory committees addressing nine distinct areas of legal practice. • It is with great sadness that I share the news that our classmate **Mike Borgioli** died in January after a courageous battle with cancer. Many of his BC friends were able to spend time with him prior to his passing.

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1993

In our last issue, I listed BC'93ers who were at the 100th anniversary of *The Heights*. **Maura Kelly Lannan** further shared that, at that event, she was honored to receive a distinguished alumni award, the John Ring Alumni Achievement Award, from *The Heights* in 2006. She said she was touched to see her name on a plaque in the editor in chief's office where she had spent countless hours. Go, Maura! Well-deserved recognition! She was also at a high school reunion where nine went on to BC, and six were together to celebrate 30 years since departing the Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, Luralton Hall, in Milford, Connecticut. Those also attending were **Kathleen Krygier Dunn**, **Heather O'Donnell Figmic**, **Renée Eck Newton**, **Sarah McLoughlin Donahue**, and **Laura Milano Albert**. Missing from the reunion were **Christine Curtiss Gill**, **Siobhan Cooney McCormack** MED'94, and **Bevin Weeks**. • **Mark and Joan (Monahan) Streeter**, MED'95, will join the growing ranks of BC'93 Eagle parents! Daughter Megan will be Class of 2024. News of early admission came just before her godmother, **Debbie Monahan Kavey '91** (Joan's sister), passed away. Sweet news at a sad time for their family. • In happier news, our favorite old-new dad, **Steve Piluso**, along with wife Mia and son Tommy, welcomed a baby girl, Lia. The whole clan moved from the big city to Chatham, New Jersey. Head to suburbia and visit 'em anytime. • There was a fun BC track reunion recently that brought together **Mike Atwood**; **Pete Hogan** MBA'98, JD'98; **Pete Sakalowsky**; **John Halpin**; **Brian Murphy**; **Phil Coppinger** JD'98; **Linda Spence**; **Debbie Marlowe Criscuolo**; **Stephanie Mitchell Zimmerman**; **Elaine Veloukas**; and **Rob Williams**. • Given I actually have a few words left...we have one more year before 50, people, and I'm banking on a lot of fun updates and gatherings in 2021 as we celebrate official mid-life! Get your planning going now! I will be in Scottsdale at the Westin Kierland, MLK weekend 2021, hopefully with a bunch of BC'93ers to celebrate, so mark your calendars now! Join us. Why not? • Finally, I'd like to congratulate **Sarah Gormley Quinn** on meeting Sodapop Curtis. I am in awe. • Keep up with BC'93 happenings more often via our Facebook (or, as the kids called it these days, BoomerBook) group of more than 790 of us! facebook.com/groups/BostonCollege93/

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1994

Dave Fortin, in his role with Live Nation, has been in and out of Minneapolis setting up the newest Fillmore Event Center. The grand opening was a smashing success. He also connected with a few other '94 Minnesota-based grads on his various trips and adventures. Oh yeah, he and his wife also welcomed their first child last fall. • **Trish Cook Barrigan**, **Liz McCartney Rosenberg**, **Jen Azzara Murray**, **Indra Ruppers**, **Maura Slayne Ryan**, **Katie Carney Dahm**, and **Nicole Sorokolit Croddick** all met in England in August 2019 to go on safari in Port Lympne, Kent! There were many laughs, animal sightings, and memories shared.

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25TH REUNION

Sherri Franzman writes, "I am still living in Milford, Connecticut, with my husband, Marc, and three daughters, **Samantha (18)**, **Olivia (16)**, and **Ella (12)**. I am working as the business manager for the Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, Luralton Hall, a private Catholic all-girls school here in Milford. I recently sent my oldest daughter off to her freshman year in college at another Jesuit university, Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia." She was hoping to make it up to Boston for the Class of '95's 25th reunion.

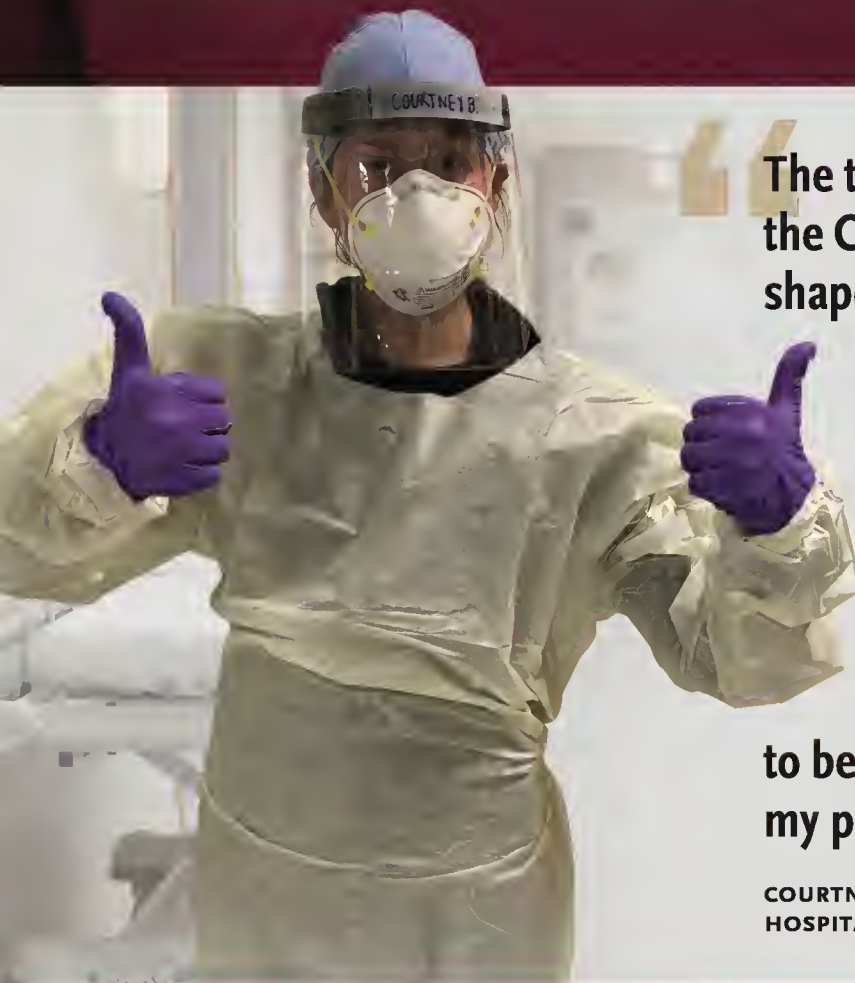
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1996

After four years at MassDOT/MBTA, **Juan Concepción**, MED'07, JD'03, MBA'03, has proudly joined the law department of Boston Scientific Corporation as legal counsel. Juan is an experienced labor and employment law counselor, litigator, and skilled trainer in HR compliance and strategic workforce management. • In May, **Mary McDow Rincon** will graduate from Temple University Beasley School of Law. She is staying in Philadelphia for the foreseeable future with her two boys (ages 10 and 13). She plans to pursue public interest law, bringing access to justice to low-income Philadelphians. • **Stephen Scully** started Thaddeus Medical Systems in 2015, finally getting their smart medical cooker launched this year. He is looking forward to growing his team with lots of BC alumni. Get in touch with Steve at thaddeusmed.com • In December, **David Telep** started a new job and career path as a business development director with Salo, LLC, an HR and finance consulting company in Minneapolis. This follows over 20 years with GE Capital and Element Fleet. • **Elizabeth Silas-Havas** has been providing individual yoga therapy sessions along with teaching Pilates, yoga, and barre (from post-rehab to peak performance for athletes). She is developing and



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The tremendous education I received at the Connell School of Nursing helped shape me into the person and nurse I am today. My professors emphasized caring for the whole person, that treatment goes beyond administering medications and performing procedures. As hard as it is with the necessary safety barriers, I am doing all that I can to be a source of comfort and hope for my patients right now.”

COURTNEY BARRY '17, NURSE AT BRIGHAM AND WOMEN'S HOSPITAL IN BOSTON

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implementing training, continuing education, and mentoring to teachers in these fields, and she is contributing to research that expands our understanding of these somatic fields' applications, benefits, and drawbacks.

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1997

Chris Ciulla has been a professional actor for most of his adult life, but over the past seven years he has become an audiobook narrator, with over 250 credits. Chris invites you to look him up on Audible for a listen. He works in many different genres, both in fiction and nonfiction. So, if you have a topic you like to listen to, feel free to contact him at ccandrew17@hotmail.com, and he will gladly send you a recommendation of a subject of your liking. • **Stephanie Martinez** is currently living in Cambridge and has worked at Boston Medical Center for the past 19 years in multiple roles in the nursing and quality and patient safety departments. In December 2019, she was promoted to the associate chief nursing officer for ambulatory services. • Please keep your updates coming, and we look forward to hearing from you!

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1998

Natalie Scott Dwyer writes: "At the end of March 2019, my husband and I moved our family from Southern California to Eagle, Idaho. We have settled into our new life and are very happy. I accepted a position at Sage International School of Boise (an International Baccalaureate public charter school) as the special education teacher/case manager for kindergarten–fifth grade in June 2019. I also began pursuing my second master's degree in teaching special education at Boise State University. Looking forward to meeting some fellow Eagles up here!" • **Joanne Liu** writes: "After over 10 years, it was with a heavy heart and a sigh of relief that I shut down my six restaurants in Washington, D.C., and pursued a new career as VP of F&B for a hotel management company, Crescent Hotels and Resorts. Always an adventure!"

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1999

Daniel Lewin was recently named to Forbes' list of Best-in-State Wealth Advisors, 2020, in Massachusetts. • In September 2019, **Dave Belford** joined WeWork, where he currently serves as a leasing director for the Mid-Atlantic. • **David Myers** and his wife, Rebecca, along with two kids (ages 9 and 11) are in their third year in Utah. David is celebrating his 10th year at Becton Dickinson, where he is an associate director of marketing. He says that there is plenty of skiing to do in the winter and national parks to visit in the

summer. • In December 2019, **Sarah Martin Pitlyk** was sworn in as a district judge for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. Sarah and her husband, Mark, still live in St. Louis with their four children.

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2000

20TH REUNION

After running a successful "make adulthood fulfilling" business for 15 years, headquartered in Chicago, **Saya Hillman** has expanded her business to 12 other areas throughout the United States and in London. Mac & Cheese Productions is guided by the mantra "Find something that makes you happy and use it to make others happy" and connects people to people, people to opportunities, and people to themselves through individual and workplace offerings. The Boston Chapter leader is the husband of **Lori Piscatelli Scanlon**. Many Mac & Cheese offerings reflect Saya's very impactful time at BC. If you're looking for community, personal, and professional growth, and space for reflection, vulnerability, and leaning into fear, and you live in one of its areas, join her! Saya lives and collaborates with her husband (whom she met via one of her events) in Chicago. They are continuing to travel as much as they can—to Japan, Mexico City, and Colombia this past year—and to foster rescue dogs. • **Jorge Cardona**, MS'03, began a new job in late February at Donyati Consulting as an FDMEE developer. His husband, Ethan Jewett, also started a new career this February as a personal fitness trainer at Equinox. • **Stephanie Haug Mullervy** and her husband, John, welcomed Declan Ernst on December 10, 2019. He joins big brother Colin (2). The family resides in Natick. Steph is excited to serve on our Reunion Committee and was looking forward to connecting with friends old and new at Reunion! • Please don't forget to send your exciting news along to share with our fellow classmates.

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2001

In August 2019, **Erin Boyle Schroeder** graduated from Lesley University with a PhD in adult education. • **John Magee** and his wife, Tricia (Yaw) '03, welcomed their first child, John Joseph "Jack" Magee V, on October 4. • **Jim '02** and **Mary (Bain) Ball** welcomed their fourth child on November 16, 2019. Tessa, her parents, and her two big brothers and big sister reside in Hampton, New Hampshire. • **Greg Hagin** attended the 2020 World Economic Forum in Davos for the first time. He's looking forward to future participation in helping the public, private, and civil society sectors solve for sustainable development goals.

Greg would love to connect with similarly minded BC grads. • Enjoy summertime, and send me your news!

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2002

Congratulations to **Maxi Arias**, who married **Cristina Duran** on May 18, 2018. • **DuJuan Daniels**, MA'04, won his third Super Bowl title as a member of the New England Patriots in February of 2019. He also accepted a position in the Las Vegas Raiders personnel department as the assistant director of player personnel in May of 2019. DuJuan and his wife, Natalie, welcomed a baby boy, Rocky Madden, into the world on October 21, 2019. What a year!

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2003

Patrick Jennings recently departed a job as chief of the felony narcotics unit in the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office. After working as a prosecutor for eight years and handling some of the highest-profile prosecutions in Baltimore, as well as managing one of the highest-volume felony trial units in the country, Patrick has relocated to New York, where he is embarking on another chapter of his career. He has joined a team of attorneys at Cassin & Cassin LLP, where he focuses on representing lenders in the closing of commercial real estate transactions and the advancement of affordable housing initiatives in real estate markets across the country. • In August 2020, **Anne Batchelder** will graduate with a master of science in nursing from the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing. She previously worked in global health and Democratic politics, so this is a new and exciting change. While in school, she is working on a research study on the pollution and pregnancy in Bamako, Mali, which includes field research and traveling to Mali, and she also cofounded the School of Nursing Mental Health Grad Network. • **Cass Chisholm** married **Chad Ogg** on December 27, 2019, on the island of Barbados. The couple live in Raleigh, North Carolina.

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2004

In baby news, **Ray '02** and **Kerry (Whalen) Beattie** welcomed future Eagle **Molly Clementine** on November 9, 2019. She joins big sister **Anna (2)**. • **Kristi Palmsten** and her husband, **Eric Magnuson**, welcomed a baby girl, **Novalie Palm**, in August 2019. **Novalie** joins big sister **Anamaija (3)** in their new home in Minneapolis. **Kristi** is a research investigator and epidemiologist at HealthPartners Institute. **Eric** is a writer and stay-at-home parent. • In career news: **Michele Jastremski Szarek** began her dream career working for Walt Disney Animation

Studios in Burbank, California. For her first project, she served as the production coordinator on a virtual reality film experience based on the world of *Frozen*. She looks forward to future projects at the studio and to sharing more news about innovative and exciting work! • **Meghan Maugeri's** short plays, *Glinda the Middle-Aged Witch* and *The Bad Good Planet*, were slated to be produced by Pear Theatre in Mountain View, California, this spring! • **Michele Osztrogonacz Ross** is now the wellness director at mommy complex, a CBD line for moms (mommycomplex.com).
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2005 15TH REUNION

Margot Lubin Edde sells residential real estate in Marin County and San Francisco. She, her husband, and her growing family live in Ross, California. • In memory of **Geoff Shultz**, the FCSP Foundation has been created in order to fight pancreatic cancer while connecting patients with the support they need to stay positive. The foundation was scheduled to launch with a kickoff event on April 4 (Geoff's birthday). Learn more at fcspfoundation.org. • **Johnathan Duff** and **Laurel Ganem** were married at Grace Church in Providence, Rhode Island, on September 28, 2019. The wedding party included classmates **Brendan Kells**, **Brendan MacKenzie MS'06**, **Stanley Thomas**, **Michael Scopelliti**, and **Regina Lauricella**. Other Eagles in attendance included **Devin Morris**; **Mauran Sivananthan**; **Drew Cardona**; **Chris King**; **Alex McShiras**; and **Meredith DeMaina Kells MS'07**, PhD'19, of the Class of 2005 and **Laura McKinney Cardona '06**, **Greg Johnson '12**, **Dan Haahes MA'07**, and **John Duff '49**. **Johnathan** received his PhD in psychology in 2016 and currently works on Capitol Hill doing research for members of Congress, while **Laurel** works at an architecture firm in downtown D.C. They live in northwest D.C. with their puppy, Marlo.

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2006

Stephanie Mariconda, JD'09, started a new position as corporate counsel at Pfizer, Inc., at its headquarters in New York City. • **Jillian Maynard Baxter** writes: "2019 was a big year! [I] married David Baxter and welcomed Madison Fitzgerald on December 5, 2019. Future Eagle!" • **Matthew Putorti** was promoted to counsel at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman in New York. • **Jonathan and Erin (Hutton) Beattie** are overjoyed to share news of the birth of their first child, Madelyn Janette. She was born on January 23, 2020, in Annapolis, Maryland. • **Jackie Le Grand** married Eliot Toy on a very warm September Saturday in

Washington, D.C. Her maid of honor was **Erin Hogan**, MED'07, and **Bridget Rochester** was a bridesmaid. Also in attendance from the Class of '06 were **Katie Hayes**, **Julie Koehler**, **April Rondeau Martinez**, and **Pam Harvey Dorazio**. Eliot was officially welcomed to the BC family during the reception with a Superfan T-shirt. One of the couple's first trips together was to Eliot's alma mater, UVA, to watch BC football soundly beat the Hoos. Jackie and Eliot live in Washington, D.C. • Congratulations to **Kyra Schaefer**, who was married to Joseph Bither on July 16, 2019.

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2007

After four years in Dallas working on the U.S. real estate equity team for Fortress Investment Group, **Peter Herbst** accepted a fund management position in Boston with Berkshire Residential Investments in March. He and his wife, Ashley, relocated to the Boston area with native Texan Emma Rachel, who was born on April 29, 2017. • **Kathleen Ahearn O'Hara** was married on February 17, 2018, and welcomed her first child, William Gerald, on July 9, 2019. • **Kristin Jacques**, MS'13, and husband Timmy Ho welcomed their second child, Alexander Lennon, in August 2019. He joins big brother Jordan (2). Kristin continues to work as a nurse at Boston Children's Hospital. • **Dosh Whye** and **Ivette Castillo** (UCLA '06) were married this past spring at the University Catholic Center at UCLA. Their reception followed in Malibu. Among the guests were fellow Eagles **Lenny and Jackie (Leung) Caraballo**; **Victor Caraballo '08**, MED'09, MED'13; **Justin Davis '08**; and **Edgar DeLeon '08**. Dosh and his wife have also recently relocated to the Bay Area, where Dosh joined a biotech startup company as a neuroscientist. • **Mairin Lee** is an actor and producer based in New York City. She has performed on Broadway, film, and television and in theaters across the country. This year, she appears in season 1 of *FBI: Most Wanted* on CBS. She is also collaborating with Tectonic Theater Project to develop their latest project called *The Album: Here There Are Blueberries*. The play tells the true story of an album of World War II photographs donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 2008. Mairin recently produced *Romeo and Juliet* in her hometown of Oakland, California.

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2008

Abigail Hasebroock, MAT'10, completed an EdD in curriculum and instruction at Loyola University of Chicago in spring 2020. Her dissertation, titled "Teacher Leadership: A Case Study in the Preparation of Future Teacher Leaders," analyzed how teacher education programs can include leadership skills in coursework and fieldwork to prepare candidates to be change agents in PreK-12 schools. In October 2019, she was inducted into Alpha

Sigma Nu, the international Jesuit honor society, receiving one of the highest honors bestowed by the university. **Abigail** currently teaches secondary English at Saint Ignatius College Prep in Chicago. • **Matthew '05** and **Meghan (Commings) Blattner**, MA'11, PhD'18, welcomed their daughter, **Mary Kathleen Crowley Blattner**, in December 2018. Matt, Meg, big brother Jack, and Mary Kate moved to Hawaii in July 2019 for Matt's military career. Matt is currently a neurologist at Tripler Army Medical Center. • **Michael and Ashley (McLaughlin) Leen** welcomed the birth of their son, **Hugo Monroe**, on February 18 in Washington, D.C. This is their second child; their daughter, **Fiona**, is three years old. Together, they live in Arlington, Virginia. • **Angelique Hrycko** recently completed a strategic management certificate program through Harvard and is continuing to grow at Boston Children's Hospital; she is now working with the strategic access transformation team to improve administrative and operational processes throughout the enterprise. She also continues to guest lecture and is in the process of becoming adjunct at Boston University School of Public Health and was recently named to the advisory committee of Tomorrow's Women TODAY. • On January 14, 2019, **Daniel and Caitlin (Leutwiler) Meenan** welcomed baby girl **Malin Casey** to the world. She joins her parents and big brother Timmy in their new home north of Chicago. • **Jonathan and Carol (Crummey) McCardle** were married in October 2015. Both Carol and Jonathan are practicing attorneys in Albany. On September 16, 2019, they welcomed their daughter to the world. Her arrival made Carol's sisters, **Conna '11** and **Canon '18**, aunts and father, **Peter '78**, a grandfather. The family looks forward to bringing her to BC along with their dog, Bolton, in the near future! • **Geoffrey Miller** and his wife, **Michelle**, welcomed their first child, **Nephele Dawn**, in October 2019. • **Mike Malloy** married **Martina Mirabella** on September 21, 2019, at St. Mary's Church in Annapolis. The reception featured a hilarious speech by best man **Mike Korchak** and a "Can't Help Falling in Love" ukulele performance by the groom. • In early 2019, **Kerry Fino** left his desk job to pursue his childhood dream of being a pilot. He attended a full-time training program and got all the ratings necessary to become a certified flight instructor. He is now instructing student pilots in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, to build flight hours so that he can eventually get hired by the airlines! • As of January 1, **Emily Harper Iannucci** is a member (partner) of the law firm Bond, Schoeneck & King, in its Garden City office.
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2009

Joseph McCarthy and his wife, **Bridget**, welcomed their first child, **Joseph Francis McCarthy II**, on September 17, 2019, in Alexandria, Virginia. • **Megan Berardi**

recently started a new job as director of business operations at Fred Segal. • In November 2019, **Vanessa Vacante Healy** accepted a position as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, Criminal Division. • **Caroline Byron**, MA'13, and her husband welcomed their first child, a baby girl, in November 2019. Her middle name, Elizabeth, is after Caroline's fellow sister Eagle, Elizabeth Byron Loya '06. • **Cassie Paolillo** and her husband, AJ Massetti, welcomed their daughter, Margaret, last fall. • **Zainul and Stephanie (Howe) Hasanali** welcomed their second son, Elias, on January 15. He joins Benjamin (3). The family is so excited!
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2010 10TH REUNION

Alexandra Shabanian married Zachary Peloquin on September 28, 2019, at the bride's childhood church in Watertown. Their reception was on the water in Nahant, and alumni attendees were **Danielle Lozier**, **Colin Kunzweiler**, and **Jennifer Thomasch Applegate**. • **Kevin and Samantha (Lipscomb) Spain** were married on October 19, 2019, at Mount Southington Ski Area in Connecticut. Many fellow members of the Classes of 2010 and 2011 were in attendance, appropriately seated at table No. 10. • **Colleen O'Connor** recently started a new job with the United Nations World Food Programme and moved to Dhaka, Bangladesh, where she will be living and working for the next two years. • In 2019, **Meridith Hyres** traveled to Moscow with her martial arts gym, 617 Fight Sports, to support a UFC fighter who fights out of the gym. On a career note, she also published an article on the complexities of gene therapy supply chains. • On May 17, 2019, **George Somi** graduated with a JD from Brooklyn Law School. His published article, "Syria under Pinheiro: Reformulating Syrian Domestic Law for Decentralized Reconstruction," which derives from his foundational and interdisciplinary development as a student and scholar in Middle Eastern studies at BC, won the school's Scholarly Journal Writing Award. • In January, **Al Dea** published *MBA Insider: How to Make the Most of Your MBA Experience*. Based on five years of writing on this topic on his blog, MBASchooled, the book is a how-to guide for helping prospective and current MBA students make the most of their MBA experience to achieve career goals. In addition to becoming a best seller on Amazon, the book features more than 12 BC alumni, including several classmates from the Class of 2010: **Charlie Mangiardi**, **Kellie Braam**, **Rob Stein**, **Jeff and Katie (Blach) Ellington**, **Maureen Keegan**, and **Nick Johnson**. • **Megan Koch Schraedley** received her PhD in organizational communication in 2018 from the University of Missouri. She recently started a tenure-track assistant professor position

at West Chester University in Pennsylvania, where she examines food (in)security in her teaching and research. • **Patrick and Ariana (Ghom) Greenwell** moved back to Boston in July 2020 for their fellowships. Ariana is doing pediatric ENT surgery at Boston Children's Hospital, and Patrick is doing total joint replacement orthopedic surgery at New England Baptist Hospital.
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2011

Sara Rosen, MA'13, and **John Glynn** were married on May 4, 2019, in Freehold, New Jersey. Their wedding was attended by many BC alumni from the Classes of 1968 through 2014. Six fellow Eagles joined them in the celebration as members of their bridal party: **Jessie Rosen '05**, **Dani Rosen '09**, **Zak Jason**, **Dave Kete JD'14**, **Mike Shea JD'16**, and **Matt Williams**. • This year, **Jessica Calandra** will be graduating from her residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation as her husband, **Colin**, graduates from law school. After graduation, Jessica will be starting a fellowship in brain injury medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. She looks forward to seeing all of you at the 10-year reunion in 2021! • **Kyndal Michel Marks** and her husband recently relocated back to the Cincinnati area, where she is now working for Fund Evaluation Group (FEG). **Kyndal** is also helping to lead the BC Alumni Association's Cincinnati Chapter.
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2012

Charles Fraker married **Max Hartman** on September 27, 2019, in Tribeca, New York City. They met during senior year, just before Halloween, at Mary Ann's and have been inseparable ever since. Their wedding was officiated by **Elizabeth Martin Patel**, and the wedding party included **Vishrut Patel**, **Kevin Fox**, **Zachary Citarella**, **Brendan Grimes**, **Christopher Weber**, **Christine O'Connor**, and **Madeleine Redlick**. • **Lauren Cassel** and **Tyler Schenk** were married at the Metropolitan Club in New York City on March 28, with many Boston College friends in attendance. The two were friends while at BC but began dating while living in New York City. • After parting ways with New York City, **Katie Shannon** and fellow Eagle **Tim Lamb '09** moved to Sydney, Australia, for two years and are now residing in Hawaii, working as photographers. • **Serafina Zeringo** married **Brendan Grimes** in November 2019 in Bolton. The wedding party included many members of the Class of 2012: **Nikki Gangi**, **Melissa Hartge Brown**, **Zach Citarella**, **Mike Harrington**, **Chris Weber**, **Justin Mann**, **Max Hartman**, and their officiant, **Jen O'Neil**. • **Sam and Aubrey (Pringle) Baron** welcomed their first child, **Beau Charles Baron**, on December 9, 2019.
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2013

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2014

Christopher Knoth started a new job in December 2019 as a product strategy analyst at Solstice Consulting (recently rebranded to Kin + Carta). • **John Grosso** married **Nicole Perone** on April 27, 2019, in a beautiful ceremony at Saint Aloysius Parish in New Canaan, Connecticut. • **Colleen Raab** and **Ryan Santacrose '15** were married by **Michael Davidson, S.J., MEd'11**, in Buffalo on August 17, 2019. The couple met in fall 2011 at Boston College. • **Victoria Torres-Vega, MSW'15**, has opened a private practice as an independent licensed clinical social worker and is serving individuals with mental health difficulties. • **James Baylor** is currently living on Saint Thomas and sailing in the U.S. Virgin Islands.
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2015 5TH REUNION

William and Catherine (Ronan) Chamberlin, MEd'19, were married on July 27, 2019, at the Carmel Mission Basilica in Carmel, California. The bride and groom enjoyed celebrating with friends from BC. The wedding party included fellow Eagles **David Connors**, **Christian Austin**, **Erik Harvey**, **Taylor Davies '18**, **Sarah Mathey**, and **Eleanor Sciannella**. **Catherine** and **William** reside in the South End of Boston. • **Serena Entezary** writes that she is enjoying living in Cambridge and working as a web developer. • **Katie Carome** and **Kevin Loiseau '13** were married in Falmouth, Cape Cod, on August 31, 2019. The couple met in 2012 while they were both students at BC. The wedding was attended by 24 Eagles, representing nine different BC class years and including the bride's father, **Patrick Carome '80**; her brother and groomsman, **Will Carome '17**; her uncles **Kevin Carome '78, JD'82**, and **Brian Carome '85**; bridesmaids **Jennah Dussault**, **Kaeli Rathmann MEd'16**, and **Jennifer Dwyer**; best man **Timothy Lilley '13**; the officiant, **Jonathan Priest '13**; groomsmen **Albert Margossian '13**, **Rocky Ludden '13**, and **Kevin Zeckser '13**; and many dear friends. The couple were proud to be joined by guests in a lively rendition of "For Boston." **Katie** is in her fourth and final year of medical school at New York Medical College and plans to pursue a career in pediatrics. **Kevin** is a CPA and serves as director of tax at Aprio Cloud. • **Lucas Levine** has been selected for the third cohort of Knight-Hennessy Scholars, a global, graduate-level program at Stanford University. Established in 2016, the program provides full funding for graduate students in areas ranging from business, medicine, and law to doctoral programs and dual degrees. **Lucas**, BC's first recipient of this award, is among 85 students selected this year and will be

pursuing an MBA beginning in fall 2020. • Last summer, **Gregory Bischooping** completed a one-year legal clerkship with Chief Judge Leonard Stark of the District Court for the District of Delaware. Gregory and his wife, Mary (Seraj), moved to New York in August 2019 and were married at the Yale Club of New York City on August 24. They both began careers as lawyers—hers at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, and his at Covington & Burling LLP. Gregory will be returning to Wilmington for one year this summer to clerk for Judge Kent Jordan of the Third Circuit. • From September 2018 to February 2019, **Daniel McAndrew-Greiner** worked for the Borgen Project, an NGO dedicated to making poverty a focus of U.S. foreign policy. During his time with this project, he wrote an article per week on the good news, focusing on how conditions for those who are impoverished are improving; published two articles in the *Borgen Magazine* as well as a letter to the editor in a Rochester newspaper; fundraised \$1,280; and contacted Congress weekly to gain support for poverty reduction bills. Daniel is also in a master's program at the St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry in Rochester, New York.

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2016

Michael McKie reports that he is working at Goldman Sachs in risk management in Dallas and has just built a home. He writes: "Life is good. Stay in touch!"

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2017

Scott Hill recently moved from Boston to Salt Lake City to take a new job at Workday. He invites you to reach out if you find yourself in Utah, especially if you enjoy skiing!

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2019

Some of the lads of Iggy B23 and B22, Vandy 305, Walsh 606, and Med C—**Beck Pulis**; **Priyan Thuraiatnam**, MS'20; **Jack Cadigan**, **Nate Hayes**, **John Hoskin**, and **Sam Sphire**—planned a surprise visit to Baltimore for **Mario Sokolic's** 23rd birthday. Eagles flew in from all over the country (California, Nevada, D.C., Boston, and New Jersey) for the surprise—mostly planned by his awesome girlfriend, **Erini Papas**. It was a great time to catch up, reminisce, and create some new memories. • **James Walsh** writes: "Hey guys, James here! I have been taking advantage of graduation to travel all across the world—from Boston to New York and everything in between. I started work



"For young children, activities like playing make-believe or with dolls—which involve taking on others' perspectives—have been found to have incredibly powerful impacts on children's brain development and ability to empathize with others. The more we nurture and promote play, the more kids benefit."

MORGAN HEALY '17

DETAILS:

Healy is one of 25 American recipients of the Gates Cambridge Scholarship for 2020

The Significance of Play

Researchers like Morgan Healy '17 have found that critical cognitive development happens during playtime. But a crucial element to this process is the opportunity for little ones to have regular access to engage in play.

"Investment in quality early education services, including parenting programs, has a higher economic and social return than investment in education services at any other age," says Healy. "And yet, early education services remain chronically undervalued, underfunded, and underexplored."

Healy has focused her research on play's connection to brain development through a unique lens: by engaging parents. She will soon more fully develop her investigative work in play-based parenting intervention at Great Britain's prestigious University of Cambridge through a Gates Cambridge Scholarship, awarded annually to approximately 25 American students to pursue a full-time postgraduate degree.

After graduating magna cum laude from the Lynch School of Education and Human Development in 2017, Healy earned a master's degree in international education policy from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. She has also spent time with Cradle to K in Baton Rouge, an education initiative to strengthen the culture of parenting. Through the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Healy was a post-graduate fellow in São Paulo, Brazil, where she focused on two projects in early education leadership and education research dissemination.

"We were thrilled to learn that Morgan won a Gates Cambridge Scholarship," said Stanton E. F. Wortham, the Charles F. Donovan, S.J., Dean of the Lynch School. "Morgan's project is very much aligned with BC's mission, and I know that she will do important work to empower the less fortunate."

at American Joe's Bar and Grille in June, and I've never been happier. I passed my CPA exams and am currently looking forward to dedicating the rest of my life to fighting against corporate fraud at EY [starting] this August. Go, Eags!" *Boston College Alumni Association classnotes@bc.edu*

BC SOCIAL WORK

Paul Gagnon, MSW'57, writes: "My experiences at BC have carried me through a lifetime. Had a great social work career." After serving as a social worker for 26 years in New York City schools, he is now retired and still enjoying life with his wife and three children. • **Adrianne Cady**, MSW'76, is enjoying semiretirement in Naples, Florida, while working part-time as a clinical social worker at Hope Hospice and volunteering on committees at the Unitarian Universalist congregation in Naples. She traveled to Croatia and Italy for the first time in spring 2019. • On September 1, 2019, **Jimena Loveluck**, MSW'90, was named the health officer for Washtenaw County, Michigan. She oversees a local health department made up of over 110 staff that protects and promotes the health of approximately 370,000 county residents. You can find out more about their health department at washtenaw.org/health. • In February, **Carmen Calderon O'Hara**, MSW'95, was named program director of social work for the Boston Public Schools. In this position, she is tasked with developing a department to provide professional development, consultation, and shared supervisions of the social workers across the school district. • **Kate Ford**, LICSW, PATH Intl. ESMHL, Eagala Cert., MSW'98, was cited in a January 2020 online article from McLean Hospital about equine-facilitated psychotherapy (EFP), which focuses on caring for and working with horses, instead of riding them, to achieve goals similar to those of traditional psychotherapy. • In August 2019, **Claire Johnson-Allen**, MSW'07, became the first associate director of the Women's Center at BC. Her work focuses on various tenets of Title IX within the campus community. • In February, **Brooke Huminski**, LICSW, MSW'14, was invited to speak to psychiatry residents at Brown University's Warren Alpert Medical School on "The Risks of Perfectionism: Perfectionism, Suicidality, and Eating Disorders." Brooke is celebrating three and a half years of being in private practice in Providence, where she specializes in eating disorders and college student mental health. Additionally, she works in the psychiatric emergency room at Butler Hospital, a teaching affiliate of Alpert Medical School. • **Jennifer Hui-Chen Lee**, MSW'15, moved back to Taiwan and is working at the Taipei Cancer Center at Taipei Medical University. She is using what she learned at BC and would like to assist more people who are, or whose loved ones are, diagnosed with cancer. She hopes to stay connected with her BC family. • In March, **Carla Monteiro**, MSW'19, was awarded a Paul Gaines Sr.

Achievement Award by Bridgewater State University's Afro-American Alumni Association. The award is given to a current faculty member, administrator, librarian, or staff member who has been employed at least one year at BSU and has worked on behalf of students of color. *Correspondent: Elizabeth Abbott Wenger libzabbott@gmail.com*

CARROLL SCHOOL

Karin McCarthy, MBA'92, started a little over a year ago as an assistant professor of experiential learning at Endicott College's Gerrish School of Business in Beverly. She writes: "It's an amazing experience to be in a teaching role, and I am thoroughly enjoying engaging with undergrad students as we explore industry sectors, workforce trends, development of professional communication skills, and process of building a unique personal brand. It's a very different world than the corporate, startup culture I have been in for the last 15-plus years.... My own MBA experience along with professional endeavors (and being the mother of two college-age kids) greatly informs what I do in the classroom and helps 'make it real' for my students. Happy to hear from any New England-based classmates who may be looking for enthusiastic, well-prepared interns for their business or organization." • **George "Jed" Rice**, JD'97, MBA'97, recently took over as CEO of Aliaswire, a fintech startup in Burlington, after leaving PayPal, where he spent the last four-plus years following its acquisition of his last company, Paydiant. • **Ian Green**, MS'98, started his own institutional investment advisory firm, Greenlight Retirement Plan Consultants (greenlightrpc.com). It builds on his 20-plus years' experience of analyzing and doing due diligence of 401(k) and other retirement plans. If you have ever wondered if your retirement plan is competitive from a fee and performance point of view, Ian can help your plan administrators do full analysis at no charge for BC alumni. • Last November 9, **Dante Mantovani**, MBA'99, met his classmates in Boston. His colleagues **Chris Skiffington** MBA'99; **Ruthbea Yesner** MBA'99, MSW'99; and **Jackie Taylor** MBA'99, MSW'99, organized a reunion 20 years after receiving their MBAs from BC, and Dante decided to fly there from Brazil to meet them all. He said it was fun to see people he had not seen for 20 years and to chat like they had been speaking together since then.

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CONNELL SCHOOL

Marilyn Morrissey, MS'83, practiced as a licensed OB/GYN NP for 22 years. She also taught as a maternity clinical instructor at UMass Boston for five years and then served on a team, led by BC Law professor Fran Sherman, dedicated to improving health outcomes for court-involved juvenile

girls. Currently, she is a school nurse in a Boston public K-8 school in Mattapan, which she is finding is the most challenging job of her career. Outside of work, she is the mother of three grown kids and the very happy grandmother of three beautiful grandsons. • **Heather Herdman**, MS'91, PhD'98, was selected as a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing during the American Academy of Nursing Conference held in Washington, D.C., in October 2019. Heather is the CEO of NANDA International Inc.

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LYNCH SCHOOL

Ed Klein, MEd'64, writes that, at 82, he is "still playing singles and doubles tennis and winning an occasional tournament in both. Come to sunny Florida and let's play!" • **Barbara McGillicuddy Bolton**, MA'72, writes: "Dear fellow alums (Newton and BC), I spent the summers of 1970 and '71 on the beautiful Newton Campus pursuing a short-lived program that issued a master's degree in the philosophy of open education. When Newton was incorporated into BC, my cohort's degree was termed simply master's in education—from BC, a college I've never set foot in (but whose mission I admire, and whose alumni magazine I prize). My memoir, *When They Took Dad Away*, has recently been published by North Country Press.... Starting when I was 9, my father was a patient for a year and a half in Augusta State Mental Hospital. The memoir depicts my brothers' and my shock at losing him, my mother's struggles to provide for us, my relatives' generous and disruptive ministrations, and, ultimately, my father's reentry into family life, difficult in various ways for all involved. Although I wasn't an undergrad at Newton, we do share a background of Catholic girlhood. I recommend my memoir to the Newton Class of '71 and everyone else reading this item." • **Bridget Hart-Kenney**, MEd'96, and **Joseph Hart** '59, father and daughter, both BC graduates, have teamed up to write a book called *Papa's Past*. The story is a memoir about Joseph's life growing up in Charlestown and the surrounding areas of Somerville and Medford. It was a way for Bridget to capture her father's stories and pass them down from generation to generation. Joseph (Papa) connects with young adults and adults of all ages, even though the story is mostly set in the 1930s and 1940s. Bridget and Joseph would like to inspire others to use storytelling as a way to pass on history and to keep memories alive. • **David Hao**, JD'11, MA'11, was named the associate VP for student affairs at the University of St. Thomas in Houston. • **William Driscoll**, MEd'13, DEd'20, was recently named assistant headmaster of Austin Prep in Reading. • **Oliver Goodrich**, MEd'13, wrote that after nearly seven years working as a campus minister at Loyola University Chicago, he accepted a new position as associate dean for spirituality and meaning-making and director of Cornell United Religious Work at Cornell University.

He relocated from Chicago to Ithaca and began his new role in February. • **Jessica Farnan**, MA'15, married Joshua Wakeley in February 2020 in Orlando, Florida.

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MORRISSEY SCHOOL

Lynne Spigelmire Viti, PhD'78, JD'84, published her debut short story collection, *Going Too Fast*, in March. • **Eugene Reineke**, MA'79, started at the University of Chicago this past fall, working toward a master's degree in liberal arts. • **Mark Hovee**, MA'83, published *Clarion Summons: Essays During the War Years* (Book Vine Press, 2019) and is currently running for Congress (Democrat), in the 1st District Arizona, U.S. House of Representatives. • **Edward Davis**, PhD'86, was an academic dean at Yuba College from 1999 to 2015 prior to his retirement. He just completed a book on the social construction of illusions and is in the process of getting it published. He has attended several reunions of the University of Maryland University College faculty and staff from both the European and Asian divisions. He has traveled extensively since retirement and enjoyed Iceland, Finland, Australia, and England in the past few years. He just returned to the college classroom to teach sociology as an adjunct at Yuba College and is back to writing his fourth book on the sociology of failure. He hopes to visit Boston this coming fall. • The debut children's picture book by **Lisa LaBanca Rogers**, MA'86, *16 Words: William Carlos Williams and "The Red Wheelbarrow,"* was published by Schwartz & Wade Books (Random House) in September 2019. It received two starred reviews, including one from *Kirkus Reviews* and one from *Publishers Weekly*—and was featured in *The New York Times Book Review*. Lisa's second picture book, *Hound Won't Go*, inspired by her stubborn hound dog, was published by Albert Whitman & Co. in April 2020. • **Melinda Miller Farrington**, MA'96, is the 2019 winner of the Harold A. Innis top dissertation award from the Media Ecology Association. • **Laura Leming**, FMI, PhD'00, an associate professor of sociology at the University of Dayton, spent the fall semester of 2019 teaching in Bangalore, India, at UD's extension program, where Indian and Thai brothers take their UD degrees. • **Dan Gagnon**, MA'17, had an article published in the *New England Journal of History* titled "Skeletons in the Closet: How the Actions of the Salem Witch Trials Victims' Families in 1692 Affected Later Memorialization." His research examines how two of the victims of the witch hunt were memorialized in later centuries, and explores the saga of one of the executed accused "witches," whose body was disinterred and kept in various places before finally being reburied in 1992 on the 300th anniversary of her execution.

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Jane Audrey-Neuhauser, MEd'75, writes: "In September, I was ordained a deacon with Roman Catholic Womenpriests, and on May 2, 2020, I will be ordained a Catholic priest, called by God to proclaim God's love to all." • **Carolyn Capuano**, HM, MTS'88, VP of mission at Mercy Medical Center in Canton, Ohio, was given the Medical Ethics and Health Humanities Award from Northeast Ohio Medical University, where she is an adjunct faculty member in the department of family and community medicine. • **Raymond Woo**, MDiv'94, writes: "I am an Episcopal priest serving at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Honolulu since 2015. Please look me up if you visit Honolulu." • **Jeevan D'Cunha**, MA'05, MA'05, writes, "Since my graduation in 2005 from BC, I have been actively working with adolescents in India as a psychological counselor. I have also been using what I learned at BC to create new interventional and prevention programs for schools in India. I am currently head of projects for an educational consultancy firm in Mumbai and am able to influence a change in the ethos of an Indian school. In order to do this more efficiently, I completed a course in organizational development coaching and am now a certified organizational development coach with ICF." • **Marcus Mescher**, MTS'09, PhD'13, teaches Christian ethics at Xavier University in Cincinnati. He also published *The Ethics of Encounter: Christian Neighbor Love as a Practice of Solidarity* (Orbis Books, 2020), a book that explores the ethical possibilities and limits for building the "culture of encounter" that Pope Francis proposes for overcoming despair, distrust, and division. *School of Theology & Ministry*
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Phillip O'Toole '86 reports that after 40 years of service in the Massachusetts Trial Court he was going to retire in February 2020. Phil's most recent position was that of clerk magistrate in Leominster District Court. Phillip, we wish you the best in retirement. • **Patricia Pflaumer** '94, MA'99, is in her 19th year as an English/language arts teacher at a public high school on the South Shore. She writes: "At age 27, Betty Strain and Fr. Woods welcomed me to Evening College, where I found a passion for writing and discussion and had such a zeal for learning. As a teacher, I hope to share the same spark for learning that my BC professors gave me. I was saddened to read of the recent passing of Betty. I will never forget her. Rest in sweet peace. You taught me much by your actions. AMDG." • **Stephanie Gigliotti** '17 currently works as a victim witness advocate for Suffolk County. She is assigned to South Boston Division, Boston Municipal Court, as the solo advocate. Stephanie finds her work very meaningful in assisting victims. • **Isabella Langan** '19 obtained a new position in tech sales at Logz.io, an Israeli-founded startup. Isabella recently traveled to Tel Aviv. Congratulations to Isabella, who completed her studies in December 2019. • **Mary Cockcroft**, MS'19, writes that, after a 25-year lapse in her educational studies, she graduated from Dean College with a degree in business, and she went on to earn her MS at the Woods College in 2019. One of her goals was to teach at a college, and since January, she has been an adjunct professor at Dean College, teaching a night class, Negotiations. She writes: "It is a privilege and exciting to work with these talented young people."

Correspondent: *Jane T. Crimlisk* '74
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1930s

Ernest A. Siciliano '37, MA'39, on 1/24/19.

1940s

Gerald P. Mahoney '41 on 9/28/18.

John C. Reppucci '43 on 1/21/19.

Yale W. Richmond '43 on 3/22/20.

Robert C. Currihan, Esq., '45, JD'49, on 2/23/20.

Prisco F. Giardiello '48, MEd'54, on 2/26/20.

James E. Arsnow '49 on 1/11/20.

Agatha Pittard Murphy '49 on 3/31/19.

1950s

Sheila Haggerty Croke NC'50 on 6/19/18.

Constance Ryan Eagan NC'50 on 3/23/20.

Daniel J. Finnegan '50 on 3/17/20.

Neil T. Flathers '50 on 1/30/20.

Donald J. Grief '50 on 2/14/20.

Edmund F. Murphy Jr. '50 on 2/7/20.

Robert A. Parker '50 on 2/19/20.

John F. Power '50 on 1/23/20.

Robert E. Tracy '50 on 1/16/20.

Conrad J. Bletzer Sr. '51, JD'57, on 12/29/19.

Robert F. Boland '51 on 4/22/19.

William J. Campbell '51 on 12/21/19.

Arthur F. Casavant '51 on 3/8/20.

Alice Whalen Hanlon NC'51 on 3/19/20.

John T. Reynolds '51 on 1/27/20.

Kenneth P. Sanford '51, MAT'57, on 2/5/20.

Robert J. Schiffmann '51 on 3/13/20.

James C. Callahan Jr. '52 on 3/9/20.

Henry A. Eksterowicz '52 on 3/3/20.

Francis J. LeBlanc '52, MS'59, on 10/12/19.

Paul A. Lockwood Jr. '52 on 12/15/19.

Joseph F. O'Shaughnessy '52 on 1/13/20.

Stanley L. Saperstein '52 on 12/30/19.

Melvin I. Uchenick '52 on 1/5/20.

Brian T. Callahan, Esq., '53, JD'60, on 2/25/20.

William J. Carroll '53 on 12/19/19.

Jessie B. Costello, MEd'53, on 2/20/20.

Paul F. Degnan, Esq., '53, JD'59, on 8/16/19.

Marie Surprenant Mason '53 on 1/14/20.

Frank W. McNulty '53 on 1/9/20.

Nancy Hays Ross '53 on 2/27/20.

Thomas A. Shanahan '53 on 11/10/19.

Robert R. Sullivan '53 on 2/22/20.

Joseph F. Tower Jr. '53 on 3/13/20.

Donald J. Tyrell '53 on 3/10/20.

Robert J. Whelan '53 on 12/22/18.

Robert T. Abrams, Esq., JD'54, on 12/27/19.

John V. Clogan '54 on 12/26/19.

Ralph J. Lambert, MS'54, on 12/19/19.

Thomas F. Lane '54 on 5/13/18.

Anne Fahey Loughlin '54 on 3/30/18.

William A. Maguire '54 on 4/1/20.

John J. McGrath Jr. '54 on 2/25/20.

Paul A. McKenna '54 on 1/16/20.

Adrian F. Murphy '54 on 1/11/20.

James A. Redden, JD'54, on 3/31/20.

John S. Sadowski '54 on 2/24/20.

Helen Kibit Shopa '54 on 5/11/19.

Catherine Mallon Tucke '54 on 3/7/20.

Mary Cronin Blackjohn '55 on 8/11/18.

Richard C. Carpenter '55 on 3/31/20.

Marguerite Blais Dannemiller '55 on 3/18/20.

Edward J. Doheny '55 on 1/26/20.

Henry J. Fanning '55 on 3/9/20.

Dorothy Connolly Healy '55 on 3/1/20.

James C. Mahoney '55 on 3/7/20.

Therese Langelier McKillop, MEd'55, on 2/18/20.

Richard W. Renahan, Esq., '55 on 3/4/20.

Winifred M. Ryan '55, MA'58, on 1/22/20.

Thomas G. Shack, Esq., '55, JD'58, on 1/1/20.

Norman S. Collett '56 on 7/20/19.

Laurence W. Corcoran '56 on 3/25/20.

Francis U. Cousineau '56 on 4/18/19.

Margaret Rafferty Demers '56 on 12/26/19.

John P. English '56 on 2/17/20.

Robert L. MacKinnon '56 on 2/17/20.

William P. Phalon '56 on 5/13/19.

Robert G. Wilkinson '56 on 2/28/20.

Ann Nooney Bowen NC'57 on 3/19/20.

Thomas F. Diskin '57 on 2/28/19.

Stephen H. Erwin '57 on 3/26/20.

Peter M. Gallagher '57 on 9/26/19.

Mary L. Hogan '57, MEd'61, on 2/23/20.

Thomas F. Joyce '57 on 2/25/20.

Elaine Nunes Lewis '57 on 3/14/20.

Robert C. McCole '57 on 12/19/19.

Gerald F. O'Leary '57, MEd'63, on 4/29/18.

John F. Ryan '57 on 1/2/20.

Alfred J. Sammartino '57 on 4/18/19.

Thomas F. Sullivan '57 on 1/7/20.

Robert H. Wilcox III '57 on 1/29/20.

Maureen Sullivan Bader '58 on 1/29/20.

Normand R. Bernier '58 on 4/18/19.

John F. Cody Jr. '58 on 11/15/19.

Guy F. DeBenedetto '58 on 6/16/19.

Carl A. DeSimone Jr. '58 on 12/28/18.

Richard B. Lynch '58 on 3/6/19.

Robert L. McHugh '58 on 1/25/20.

Salvatore A. Puglia, MS'58, on 2/22/20.

Ronald H. Riley '58 on 4/19/19.

Gerald P. Ryan '58 on 1/23/20.

Mary McCrohan Brown '59 on 12/18/19.

Marguerite McLaughlin Canavan, MEd'59, on 3/31/20.

Gerald R. Hegarty '59 on 2/25/20.

John D. Ingalls '59 on 2/26/20.

James J. Laughlin '59 on 6/25/18.

Francis W. McGurl '59 on 1/31/19.

Paul H. Murphy '59 on 2/8/20.

John E. Murray '59 on 3/1/20.

John M. O'Donnell '59 on 1/26/20.

Eugene I. Prior '59, MEd'60, on 1/28/20.

Claire E. Roy '59, MS'68, on 1/27/20.

Edward J. Shea '59 on 1/22/20.

John B. Walsh, Esq., JD'59, on 1/14/20.

1960s

Anna Asdoorian '60 on 3/13/19.

Frederic C. Bertram '60 on 7/27/19.

Nancy Marion Carr '60, MS'67, on 12/26/18.

Eugene J. Cataldo '60 on 3/3/19.

John C. Galluzzo, Esq., JD'60, on 3/26/19.

Paul H. Jaehnig '60 on 9/22/18.

Francis P. Lavey '60 on 1/15/20.

Eleanor O'Connor Lynch NC'60 on 3/28/20.

Ruth McCarthy McInnis '60 on 2/19/20.

Elwynn J. Miller, Esq., JD'60, on 12/21/19.

Norman B. Rinehart '60 on 12/1/19.

James W. Savage III, Esq., '60 on 2/3/20.

John F. Tracy '60 on 2/22/20.

Frances Desmond Campbell '61 on 4/17/18.

Vincent M. Cannistraro '61, MA'63, on 5/21/19.

Nancy Herbert Drago '61, MBA'72, on 12/22/19.

Lawrence C. Eisenhower '61 on 1/29/20.

Robert L. Kenniff, MBA'61, on 2/15/20.

Raymond F. Murphy, Esq., JD'61, on 12/22/19.

Robert J. Niemiec '61 on 3/6/20.

John H. Nugent '61 on 1/9/20.

Ernest B. Sheldon, Esq., JD'61, on 3/28/20.

John M. Callahan, Esq., JD'62, on 2/18/20.

Helen Bill Casey NC'62 on 2/28/20.

John R. Curtin '62 on 1/28/20.

Mimi Kelly NC'62 on 12/17/19.

Robert E. O'Brien '62 on 3/7/20.

Patricia McArdle Burns Shaw NC'62 on 2/12/20.

Joseph H. Sheehan '62 on 3/18/20.

Mary Anne Burke NC'63 on 3/26/20.

John Casto Caiazza '63 on 3/1/20.

Jane Ollinger Dempsey, MA'63, on 2/26/20.

Frank K. Fernandez '63 on 3/13/20.

Mary McInnis Holahan '63 on 2/28/19.

Mary Lee King Hovanian '63 on 1/7/20.

Albert M. Marcella '63, MS'70, on 3/17/20.

Joseph P. Norton '63 on 3/17/20.

Roger N. Petruccielli '63 on 4/13/19.

Carole DeRensis Regan '63 on 11/27/19.

Marilyn Kuhn Richardson NC'63 on 12/20/19.

Mary Twomey Sheffield '63 on 9/22/19.

Mary Frances Sheridan '63 on 1/6/19.

John K. Carroll Jr. '64 on 1/11/20.

Alice F. Casey, DEd'64, on 9/3/19.

Mary Joyce O'Keefe DiCola NC'64 on 7/5/19.

Mary Ellen Reynolds DuVarney, MSW'64, on 3/9/20.

Anthony N. Fraulo, Esq., '64 on 1/23/20.

James T. Kennedy '64 on 3/3/20.

Joan Moritis King '64 on 12/29/19.

Anthony J. Lafauce '64 on 1/20/20.

Richard E. Lindsey '64 on 3/28/20.

Paul L. Lufkin '64 on 1/10/20.

Emmett McCarthy '64 on 3/6/20.

Peter Chung-Pui Wong, MA'64, on 1/1/20.

Mary Lou Center, MEd'65, on 2/12/20.

Peter J. Cooke III '65 on 12/15/19.

Robert P. Fanning, MBA'65, on 2/20/20.
 Roland A. Laroche '65 on 9/7/19.
 Raymond L. Muse Jr. '65 on 2/7/20.
 Susan Noonan-Forster NC'65 on 1/1/20.
 John E. O'Donnell III '65 on 2/29/20.
 David T. Pagnini, Esq., JD'65, on 11/25/18.
 John Alan Chew Jr., Esq., JD'66, on 2/25/20.
 James A. Hasselmann '66 on 1/20/20.
 Patrick J. Kenny, Esq., '66 on 3/30/20.
 Raymond A. Landry Jr. '66 on 2/5/20.
 William H. Lynch '66 on 9/2/19.
 Charles P. O'Connor, JD'66, on 3/30/20.
 Maureen Forde Quinlan '66 on 1/9/20.
 Joseph D. Fish Jr., MBA'67, on 12/16/19.
 Paul A. Francis, Esq., '67, JD'74, on 12/6/19.
 Francis R. Gendreau, MA'67, PhD'74, on 12/27/19.
 Robert C. Gould, PhD'67, on 2/14/20.
 Joseph F. Lawless III '67, PhD'74, on 2/19/20.
 John Tracy Mehr, MBA'67, on 2/26/20.
 Michael E. Mone, Esq., JD'67, on 3/30/20.
 Stanislaus S. Mroczkowski, Esq., '67 on 3/7/20.
 Linda Fenner Zimmer, MBA'67, on 3/31/20.
 Mary Elizabeth Doris '68 on 5/18/19.
 William E. Kelley, MBA'68, on 8/3/19.
 Nancy C. McCarthy '68 on 3/31/20.
 Arthur M. Polansky, MBA'68, on 2/20/20.
 Gene H. Brown, MEd'69, on 1/22/20.
 Francis J. Farrell '69 on 12/21/19.
 Joanne M. Gurry '69 on 1/29/20.
 Pamela Douglas Harris '69 on 3/3/20.
 John J. Mitchell '69 on 3/28/20.
 Margaret E. O'Rourke, MSW'69, on 3/10/20.

1970s

Alan Boufford, MSW'70, on 3/2/20.
 Justine Meehan Carr NC'70 on 12/10/19.
 Francis J. DeGeorge '70 on 1/10/20.
 William A. Lynch '70 on 3/5/20.
 Pamela McHale Vince NC'70 on 12/20/19.

Patricia Callihan Palmer, MS'70, on 3/31/20.
 Patricia E. Sudnik NC'70 on 1/24/20.
 David A. Wong, MBA'70, on 1/28/20.
 Joaquim Baptista, MBA'71, PhD'77, on 12/28/19.
 Edward J. O'Brien Jr. '71 on 2/18/20.
 Eugene Rosa '71 on 1/17/20.
 Bernard H. Schlichte '71 on 1/27/20.
 William J. Groff, Esq., JD'72, on 12/25/19.
 Edward P. McNulty Jr. '72 on 2/7/20.
 Richard L. Payne, MEd'72, on 3/12/20.
 John S. Drinkwater, DEd'73, on 2/28/20.
 Marianne E. Rantz '73 on 2/12/20.
 Anthony L. Reda Jr. '73 on 2/11/20.
 Dale Philip Rich '73 on 2/25/20.
 Herbert F. Lach Jr., Esq., JD'74, on 3/9/20.
 Frederick A. Ruehrwein '74 on 3/1/20.
 Blythe K. Colby, MS'75, on 1/27/20.
 Cynthia M. Fehrs '75 on 1/23/19.
 Douglas J. Fortes '75 on 2/26/20.
 Timothy M. Kelly '75 on 2/15/20.
 Paula Q. Comerford '76 on 8/14/18.
 Richard G. Coogan '76, PhD'81, on 10/25/19.
 Peter J. Grudzinski Jr., MAT'76, on 3/5/20.
 Patricia A. Hill '76, MEd'77, on 4/28/19.
 Joseph E. Jenkinson '76 in March 2020.
 Joseph D. LoPresti, PhD'76, on 12/23/19.
 Robert J. McCarthy, PhD'76, on 12/30/19.
 Mary Jane Kavanagh McLaughlin '76 on 5/9/19.
 Fay Saber Rozovsky, Esq., JD'76, on 3/4/20.
 William M. Ostaski Jr. '77 on 2/11/20.
 Jeanie A. Ball, MS'78, on 2/12/20.
 Robert S. Holloway, DEd'78, on 2/15/20.
 Adam L. Levin, Esq., JD'78, on 3/26/20.
 Richard A. McGee '78 on 9/19/19.
 Marie Therese Tarantino '78 on 2/3/20.
 Thomas J. Kilgannon III '79 on 1/15/20.
 Guy Shebat, '79, MA'86, on 12/12/18.

1980s

Robert E. Bostrom, Esq., JD'80, on 1/18/20.

Mag Gilligan Dusseau '80 on 2/18/20.
 Lucy Welles Grantham, Esq., '80 on 1/22/20.
 Peter Keefe '80 on 1/19/20.
 Paul T. LaHiff '80 on 1/10/20.
 Keith S. Mathews '80 on 2/5/20.
 Jewel M. Renna, CND, MA'80, on 12/22/19.
 James E. Funke, MSW'81, on 3/12/20.
 Charles J. Scheid III '81 on 11/4/19.
 Adrienne J. Weiss '81 on 3/29/20.
 Thomas J. Caruso, Esq., '82 on 2/28/20.
 Kevin J. Conery '82 on 1/9/20.
 Margaret E. Downing, MEd'82, on 1/24/20.
 Karen Lafond Lundstrom '82 on 2/3/19.
 Nancy Repa Toker, Esq., '82 on 2/21/20.
 Jeffrey P. Baerwald, S.J., MDiv'83, on 1/3/20.
 Helen Cashman Velie, Esq., JD'84, on 2/29/20.
 Helen M. Johanson, MA'85, on 3/15/20.
 Mark V. Gagliardi '86 on 11/12/19.
 John A. Greene, PhD'86, on 2/26/20.
 Raymond A. Bequet '87 on 7/28/18.

Angela D'Costa '89 on 8/9/18.
 Carolyn Anne Deshefy '89 on 3/6/20.
 Douglas Scott King '89 on 3/4/20.
 M. Connie Naya-Cangialosi '89 on 12/4/18.

1990s

Barbara A. Ceconi, MSW'91, on 3/26/20.
 Rosa A. Colón '92 on 4/11/19.
 Carla Revilla '92 on 9/16/19.
 Jennifer Levy Healy '93 on 3/4/20.
 Christopher J. Hurley, Esq., JD'93, on 1/20/20.
 Virginia E. Tay, PhD'94, on 3/5/20.
 Christopher P. Neault '95 on 12/19/19.
 Timothy J. Nolan, Esq., JD'96, on 3/19/20.
 Nicholas P. Abraham '99 on 3/11/20.

2000s

Daniel P. Canny '00 on 1/11/20.
 Lisa Rose Gallagher '02 on 9/14/19.
 Gavin R. McCollum '02 on 8/16/19.
 Amy M. Gannon, MBA'03, on 12/26/19.
 Cindy Ann Dixon, MS'04, on 3/31/20.

BOSTON COLLEGE COMMUNITY DEATHS

Walter M. Durrane, of Boston, from patrol officer to captain, BCPD, from 1972 to 2002; after retiring, security officer for the McMullen Museum of Art until 2016, on Jan. 12, 2020.

Neil Wolfman, of Boston, professor of the practice in the chemistry department, from 2000 to 2019, on Jan. 15, 2020.

Constantin Andronache, of Somerville, senior research associate, Research Services, ITS, from 2001 to 2018, on Feb. 10, 2020.

Stuart B. Martin, of Newton, associate professor in the philosophy department, from 1958 to 2012, on March 19, 2020.

Claudette Marie Picklesimer '92, MA'95, of Summerfield, Florida, administrative assistant in the English and theology departments, from 1991 to 2008, on April 8, 2020.

Marina Alvarez Haley, of Newton, administrative assistant in the romance languages and literatures department and the controller's office, from 1985 to 2003, on April 19, 2020.

James McGahay '63, of Reading, associate director of the Alumni Association, acting director of public relations, and senior writer in the development office, from 1970 to 2004, on April 21, 2020.

Michael I. Mitsukawa, of Newton, associate director, administrative and technology services, Law Library, from 1985 to 2019, on April 29, 2020.

The "Obituaries" section is compiled from national listings as well as from notifications submitted by friends and family of alumni. It consists of names of those whose deaths have been reported to us since the previous issue of Boston College Magazine. Please send information on deceased alumni to Advancement Information Systems, Cadigan Alumni Center, 140 Commonwealth Avenue, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467 or to infoserv@bc.edu.

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#EaglesforOthers: BC's First-Ever DAY OF CARING

Giving Day pivots to celebrate stories of Eagles sharing kindness and compassion



As Boston College prepared to launch its annual Giving Day—the tradition of inviting alumni and friends to support the BC programs they love—the novel coronavirus became more of a threat across the country.

Roads and highways emptied as companies shifted to remote work. Governors declared public school closures. Seemingly overnight, hand sanitizer and toilet paper disappeared from store shelves.

And on the afternoon of March 11, everything at Boston College changed.

Residence halls were closed. Classes were moved online. All spring alumni events were canceled. Major milestones, including commencement and reunion, were put on hold.

Almost immediately, messages of support and compassion began to pour in from BC's alumni, parents, and friends. Jim Husson, senior vice president

for University Advancement, received dozens of messages directly from those who wanted to help.

"This support," he wrote to the BC community in the days that followed, "struck me as nothing less than an outpouring of *cura personalis*, a demonstration of the Jesuit imperative to care for the whole person and, by extension, our communities on campus and in the wider world."

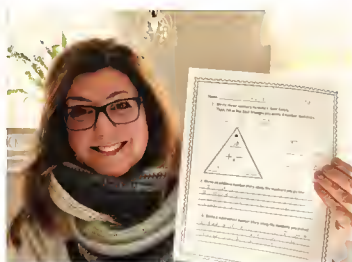
In that spirit, Giving Day became BC's first-ever Day of Caring, to focus on the compassion and kindness that the Boston College community has for one another and for the world.

Alumni, parents, and friends were invited to submit stories with #EaglesforOthers to reveal the many ways Eagles show care for the whole person—especially in times of crisis. Within minutes, the community shared accounts of generosity, reflecting the Jesuit spirit in action, before and during this pandemic.



HERE ARE SOME OF THE GREAT STORIES WE RECEIVED:

In New Jersey, teacher **Trish Bourke '96** and vice principal **Michael Scott '76** stay connected to students via social media. "The Lynch School prepared us well to teach the whole child in today's ever-changing world and would be proud of our efforts to foster emotional closeness while keeping social distance," she writes. "Through read-alouds, virtual high fives, and inspiring messages, we are opening our homes and our hearts, building meaningful relationships that will surely last a lifetime!"



Joy '93 and **Michael Surprenant '93** and their 16-year-old son, Maxwell, founded **Catching Joy**, a nonprofit that promotes volunteerism and acts of kindness beginning with kids, teens, and families. They organize hands-on service activities to share the responsibility and joy of giving. Since 2008, **Catching Joy** has aided more than 60 causes and reached more than 60,000 people.



Tom Okner '71, P'97 of Naples, Florida, began volunteering five years ago for the Southwest Florida Chapter Global Day of Service at St. Matthew's House. "Since that one Saturday in April, Tom has become a weekly volunteer at St. Matthew's House in the furniture repair department," **Diane Van Parys '80** submitted. "Tom is retired, and he decided to give back with time and talent to repairing furniture that is donated so it will have a useful life for someone else. In Naples, we applaud Tom and all our alumni who share their time and talent in so many ways caring, and giving back to our community."

Wade Bass '11 is a parochial vicar at a parish school in Dallas, Texas, whose online homilies to young students and their families during this time of remote learning helped them to try to understand the current situation. "Father Wade's Mass reflections have helped us, as parents, to explain what is going on with this pandemic to our elementary school children in a way that they can understand that God is still with us," writes **Madeline Gorman Holbrook '97**. "I am proud to know that he is a fellow BC graduate who is using his gifts from God to help us all through this—especially the youngest among us."

Karen Olson '91 reflected on her life-changing experience of volunteering in Haiti during her senior year with a BC group led by Fr. Bob Braunreuther. "Father Bob told us that Haiti would get 'into our hearts,' and indeed it did," she writes. After the devastating earthquake that hit Haiti in 2010, she returned to join **Sionfonds** for Haiti, a local organization that sends volunteers to provide mobile medical clinics in rural areas. The organization sends doctors, nurses, and dentists to volunteer their medical services twice a year, and has established two schools where children can attend for free and have a daily meal. "Boston College and Father Bob, in particular, made a tremendous impact on my life work," she continued. "I am forever grateful for my college experience."



Andrew Hasebroock '12 is an emergency medicine doctor in residency in St. Paul, Minnesota and a new father. Since COVID-19 has swept through his community, Andrew has been called to work the overnight shift at his hospital. "I signed up for a job that demands I care for the ill. I swore the Hippocratic oath. This is what I'm supposed to do," he says.



We are so grateful to those who shared these uplifting stories of hope as a reminder of how the BC community remains connected, strong, and committed to serving others.

Visit bc.edu/dayofcaring to read more stories and submit your own today!

Jeff and Margaret Flagg

Last spring, Boston College's French department became a little less romantic. That's because the married couple, and beloved professors, Jeff Flagg and Margaret Flagg MGCS '67 retired after fifty-five and thirty-four years, respectively. (They first met in 1966 when they were both enrolled in the same pre-Romantic French poetry class at BC.) Over the years, the Flaggs collaborated on coursework and projects, including an immersion program, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, that featured well-known professors in fields from political science to philosophy delivering lectures in French. Longtime supporters of BC's Burns Library, the Flaggs have a keen interest in Irish heritage and plan to travel to Ireland and France and write a book together with their newfound free time. We asked them to tell us what they've learned so far.

—Courtney Hollands

... about falling for French

Margaret: I started to learn French at age 15, as a sophomore at Fontbonne Academy in Milton, Massachusetts. That was the beginning of the rest of my life. It was love of French at the first sound bite. I was totally taken in by the beauty of the language and by the fact that I could learn by an immersion in French from the very first day of class.

Jeff: I had about three years of French at Framingham High School in Massachusetts. From the very beginning I found this interest in structure, in how things fit together in language, and what the differences were between the French way of looking at things and expressing them and the English way of looking at things and expressing them.

... about teaching

Jeff: We went to a wonderful lecture by David McCullough a couple of years ago on campus. And he said that passion is something that students cannot be taught, it has to be caught. They can only see it if it's done in a very natural, authentic, sincere way. It can't be something you put on or want to demonstrate, it just happens. We've both been very happy and gratified to see students catch that passion.

... about the importance of studying languages

Margaret: It lifts us out of what is familiar. To paraphrase the author Sam Keen in his work *To a Dancing God*, it silences the familiar and welcomes the strange. It embraces cultural difference, cultural commonality, and gives us as Americans a less critical perspective on the speakers of other languages. And, it's a very marketable tool for future careers in many professions.

... about partnership

Margaret: It is a process that takes a lot of patience and a lot of real, solid work. In a sense, a good partnership resembles a good marriage. It's based upon mutual purpose and respect. Don't be afraid of disagreement—don't look at it as an ego jab, but as a way to bring synthesis to differences and come to a better understanding.

... about BC's mission

Jeff: We've learned so much from the students we've had the pleasure and honor of working with. We've been so impressed by

their care for other people in the sense of service and being there for others. In my fifty-five years of teaching, one thing that didn't change was the character of the Boston College students. They've inspired me and challenged me to try to do more for others. And through Margaret, I have been able to understand a rootedness in the traditions of Boston College. I never fully realized the joy of a BC commencement until Margaret and I processed together and I heard her sing "For Boston."

Margaret: Boston College will always be a presence in our lives. It is part of who we are. Among the lessons it's given us are to cherish the time spent together on campus. To give thanks for the beautiful people in our BC lives and our family and friends. And

to follow Voltaire's advice and cultivate a garden, as *Candide* did after a series of misadventures, and cook its edibles with friends.

... about love

Jeff: It's important to have mutual respect, as well as an eagerness to learn from each other and to celebrate each other's gifts and accomplishments. Sometimes we'll read our separate books in the living room and enjoy an exchange of what we've discovered. She reads a passage from hers, I'll read one from mine, we'll go back and forth.

Margaret: The vows we took on August 4, 1973, were and still are a commitment of long duration. In good and not-so-good times, our faith in God and in grace has let us live it out. Marriage is a journey which takes us along many paths, and some lead to dead ends and others to places of real joy. Our working together at Boston College has been part of that joy. ■



The Flaggs, photographed outside their West Roxbury home.

PARTING SHOT

Tony Matrimony

The BC African Student Organization's annual fashion show in February held special significance this year—it marked the 25th anniversary of the club. The sold-out event at Robsham Theater Arts Center had a royal wedding theme and kept with traditional customs, said ASO board member Omonosagiagbon Owens '20. "In African culture, weddings are very elaborate, prestigious celebrations that last for two or three days," she said. Here, Rose Delva '22 and Michael Appiah '23 show off riotously patterned looks designed by Omooba Fashions. —Jacqueline Tempera



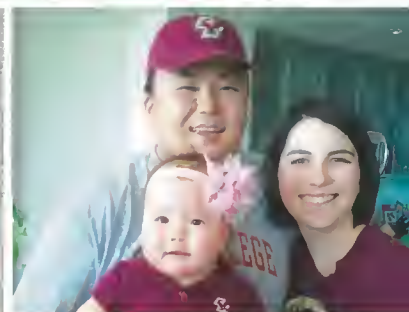
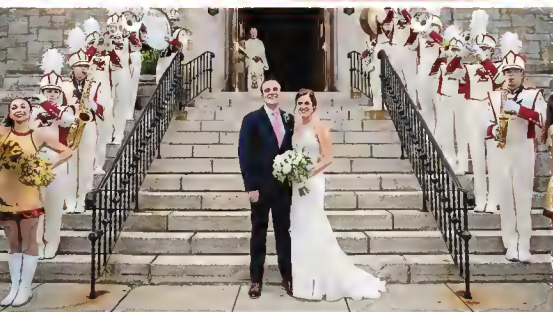


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